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What could be more beautiful than mountains soaring high,
Mighty in their grandeur — a bond 'twixt earth and sky!
They seem to point to heaven — they raise the heart to God,
Who crowned their heads with glory, and raised them from the sod.
(L.M.C.)

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THE SECRET OF RENEWAL

By

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The Rev. J. K. Lattimore

IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD, we face another year. Just what it may have in store for us is unpredictable. That is a blessing, for in many cases if "coming events cast their shadows before them" we should be quite unequal to the encounter. There is an old saying that "it's the unexpected that happens," and I dare say the frequency of it justifies the proverb, for a proverb is just the crystalized expression of a common human experience.

There are several ways of facing the unknown—the way as yet untrodden. We may worry about it, conjuring up in imagination all kinds of possible evils, which, of course, is consummate folly. We may face it with careless, irresponsible improvidence or fatalistic stoicism, as though we were helpless victims of circumstance. Or, we may face it "in quietness and confidence" trusting in the promise that "as our days are so shall our strength be," determined to wait patiently upon the Lord that, as Isaiah puts it, "He may renew our strength."

It is a fact of spiritual experience that waiting upon God renews the strength. To realize His presence in the press of things is one of the great secrets of serenity. There is much waiting upon men; that is very different in its issues. It may lead to an embittered heart, and find its end in tragic disappointment. But waiting upon God, when it is genuine, never leads to an embittering disappointment. It is renewing and restorative; it elevates the soul; it carries one through days of stress and strain; it gives courage for the common day, when the drudgery is growing irksome. This last is the most difficult of all. It is easier to soar heavenward occasionally, than to plod on, without any sound of music. There are few more exacting tests for men than the test of unillumined days. And days like that comprise nine tenths of life!

This restorative power of waiting upon God depends primarily upon what God is. It is antecendent to His action. A friend will come into our sick-room, and when he leaves everything seems different. We feel better, we can laugh again, we find ourselves on the highway to recovery. It is not what our friend has said that makes the difference, for real friends do not preach at sick-beds—it is the mysterious power of personality. It is one mark of a radiant personality that its cup is always running over. It gives, when it never thinks of giving. It enriches by being, not by doing. Its truest service does not lie in action, but in the communication of itself by channels which no psychology can trace. Antecedent to all teaching is the impact of spirit upon spirit, wherever there is radiant personality.

It is thus that there comes a renewal of our strength, when the presence of God is realized. In the sick-room of the heart, He may say little, but His radiant personality transforms it. Where He is, abounding life is, and that life is overflowing unto us. Where He is, there is perfect love, for in the depths of His being, He *is* love. And to wait on God is not to ask for benefits; it is something anterior to that. It is to maintain the consciousness that He is present. That is how waiting upon God renews the strength. The restorative medicine is Himself.

It is important to remember that waiting always involves continuance. It is to those who wait that God reveals Himself. Nobody ever unveils his deepest to the visitor who only visits at rare intervals. Especially he never dreams of doing it, if the caller has come to borrow a dollar. We keep our best for those who love our company in happy and self-forgetful intimacy, eager just to have us for a friend.

We must wait on Shakespeare, if we want to know him. We must wait on Milton, if we want to know him. In precisely the same way, and I speak with reverence, to know Him, we must wait on God. That is how waiting upon God renews our strength. Waiting is the avenue to knowing Him. God only reveals the wonder of His being to those who patiently and passionately wait. When we feel that wonder, everything is different; we run and do not weary, we walk through the dull hours, and do not faint.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." This is the secret of renewal, and that is why I bring before you, for your serious consideration, this great text, as we stand today on the threshold of a New Year. At such a time as this, the counsel of our Lord would surely be: "Do your best and cast all your cares upon God." "Commit your way unto the Lord, and He will direct your steps." That would make 1966 not perhaps an untroubled year, nor even what the materialist would call a successful one, but a HOLY YEAR. Not a spectacularly, pontifically, farcically "Holy Year", but such as every year should be — submissive to God's Will.

Victor Hugo has written of a bird, perched on the branch of a tree that looked as if, at any moment, it might be crashed to the ground, by the force of the gale. Yet that bird was singing away because, as the writer says: *"It knew that it had wings."*

That is the way to face the New Year. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings . . ." above the disappointments or the trials of life, if they come.

There is an old Scottish proverb that "the day the storm blows is not the day to thatch your cottage," and that is just what Jesus meant, when He spoke of preparing for the unexpected by committing our way unto the Lord, that He might direct our steps.

"I know not what the future hath
of marvel or surprise,

Assured alone that life and death,
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
to bear an untried pain,

The bruised reed He will not break
but strengthen and sustain."

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

FROM

THE PRESIDENT

(MRS. A. S.) AGNES CURR

MRS. A. S. CURR

"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness" (Ps 65:11)

As we read these well-known words, written by the Psalmist, we usually associate them with our Thanksgiving season.

Looking back over the past year, surely we can say that our Heavenly Father has crowned the year with His goodness. We may have had disappointments, frustrations, or sorrow, but, through it all, we can see the goodness of our Heavenly Father. Now, the year 1965 is behind us, and we look forward to a New Year, which brings to each of us new opportunities for service in His name.

As we face this New Year, we must realize that we live in challenging times, and, as one writer has said, "These are the *best* of times—and the *worst* of times"! We live in times of change, which are also times of great opportunity. There are more opportunities today, than at any other period of history.

In view of this, we must seek, each day of the year 1966, to remember that we are—*Ambassadors for Christ.* This simply means that we are His representatives to all with whom we come in contact.

We are entrusted with a Commission. In Ephesians, 4:12, Paul reminds us that, in this Commission, it is not ourselves we proclaim, but Christ Jesus, as Lord, and ourselves as servants. To do this, we must lose the sense of our own importance, ever seeking, in all we think and do, to be true Ambassadors of the "Prince of Peace," who went about doing good.

I am reminded of the words of a children's hymn that we used to sing years ago—

> "I want to be like Jesus,
> Engaged in doing good,
> So that, of me, it may be said
> She hath done what she could!"

It is my joy and privilege to wish all of you a happy and blessed New Year. My prayer for you, in the coming year, is that you may be true Ambassadors of Christ, in your daily living, speaking and thinking.

"LIKE HIM TO BE!"

"I want to live as Jesus lived,
Like Him to ever be,
Till all the world can plainly see
Jesus, the Christ, in me.
I want to think as Jesus thought,
Of others first, of love
For all mankind, till earth below,
Is like the Heaven above.

I want to speak as Jesus spoke,
With gracious words and true.
Remembering that my lips proclaim
The self that's hid from view.
I want to walk as Jesus walked,
The path of human needs,
Not seeking for an easier way
But follow where He leads.

I want to serve, as Jesus served,
The needs of all mankind;
Not saving self, but giving all,
That I His life may find.
I want to love as Jesus loved,
All men as brothers know,
And usher in God's plan for man,
A Heaven here below."

PRAYER

by MISS LOIS POWRIE

Regional Secretary for the Synod of Toronto and Kingston

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who hast created all things, and for whom all things were created, we come before Thee, at the beginning of this New Year, to offer unto Thee the praise and glory due unto Thy Holy Name.

We call to remembrance Thy goodness to us in days gone by. Thou hast provided for our every need, giving much more than we can ever deserve. We offer unto Thee our humble thanks, as we think of our families and friends, whose love and care surround us always. We thank Thee for the provision Thou hast made for our physical needs. Make us mindful of the need of others, who are less fortunate than we. Help us to remember that we show our love for Thee, only as we seek to help others, who are lonely, hungry, sick or in trouble. Thou hast said that if we do something to help "one of the least of these," our brethren, we do it for Thee. Grant that we may always be ready to serve Thee, by serving others.

We pray for the Church, which is Thy Living Body. Help us to see Thy hand in the turmoil, which is a part of her existence today. Give us a vision of Thy True Church, as Thou would have it to be. Help us to understand that, in order to be Thy Church, we must be ready and willing to change, and be changed. May we be willing to change our ways of working and worshipping, if it pleases Thee. Help us, O God, to set free the Church from man's rules and regulations, and from those organizational structures which have bound it, and made it an ineffective instrument in today's world. Forgive us for wanting to preserve the institution for our glory—as a memorial, reminding us constantly of the past. Make us to remember that the Church is made of flesh and blood, which must move out into the world, as we go about our daily living, and not of bricks and mortar, which remain in one place, to eventually mould and decay. Grant that our witness may be a lively one, which is true and faithful to Thee.

As we look ahead to another year of service for Thee, we pray that Thy Holy Spirit may be with us, to guide and direct all our undertakings. Give strength and courage to those who work in difficult situations. Be with Thy servants who minister to those living in distant corners of the earth. May they show a real love and concern for all they meet in Thy Name.

Bless, we beseech Thee, the many women across this Dominion, who seek, through prayer, study, and service, to bring the world to Christ. Help them, as they meet together in large and small groups, to feel Thy Presence with them. Help them to meet the future with courage, and a sense of adventuring into the unknown with Thee. We know that the future is in Thy hands, and that Thou wilt lead us out of the dark, and into the light.

Hear these our prayers and petitions which are offered in Christ's Name, and, in all things, let Thy will be done. Amen.

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NOTICE

1966 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY—FEBRUARY 25th
THEME — "YE ARE MY WITNESSES"

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Adult	Order of Service in	English	2¢ each
	” ” ” ”	French	2¢ each
	” ” ” ”	Chinese	2¢ each
	” ” ” ”	Japanese	2¢ each
	” ” ” ”	Braille	Free
Girls'	” ” ” ”	English	1½¢ each
Children's	” ” ” ”	English	1½¢ each
Glossy Prints for Newspaper			25¢ each
Posters			10¢ each
1966 Film Strip (colored) "The Day Thou Gavest"			$2.00 each

The following are free on request:—
Leader's Guide
Planning for the World Day of Prayer
History of the World Day of Prayer
Story of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Orders should be sent to:—
The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
97 Saint George Street
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Orders must be received in the office not later than **February 4th, 1966.**

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. C. Johnstone	Knox, Carberry	Brandon
Mrs. John Molson	Geneva, Chesley	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. M. D. McKerroll	St. Andrew's, Owen Sound	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. Jno. D. Clark	St. Andrew's, Owen Sound	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. Jean Miniely	Chalmers, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Ethel Atkinson	St. Andrew's, Newmarket	East Toronto
Mrs. George H. Yates	Queen East, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. Annie L. Wilson	St. Andrew's, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. Norman Halls	St. Andrew's, Alma	Guelph
Mrs. Wm. Blair	Duff's, Puslinch	Guelph
Mrs. Erwin Jamieson	Kirkwall, Hamilton	Hamilton
Miss Grace W. Pringle	Erskine, Hamilton	Hamilton
Miss Maude Laidlaw	First, Seaforth	Huron
Mrs. Samuel Dougall	Carmel, Hensell	Huron
Mrs. Eliza Oke	St. Andrew's, Eldon	Lindsay
Mrs. Jessie Anderson	St. John's, Rodney	London
Mrs. Earl (Mildred) Bowman	St. John's, Port Stanley	London
Mrs. Joseph (Sadie) Greenaway	Knox, Bluevale	Maitland
Mrs. A. Ross	Maisonneuve, St. Cuthbert's	Montreal
Miss Isabel Hill	Knox, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. W. J. Gagnon	Erskine, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. Robert Oliver	Central, Brantford	Paris
Mrs. Bruce McPhedran	St. Andrew's, Petrolia	Sarnia
Mrs. M. Aldridge	Paterson Memorial, Sarnia	Sarnia
Mrs. Leonard Coghlin	Presbyterian, Atwood	Stratford
Mrs. E. S. (Sadie) Sherlock	First, Port Arthur	Superior
Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson	Presbyterian, Haney	Westminster
Mrs. George Henderson	Knox, Georgetown	West Toronto
Mrs. Herb. Cleave	Knox, Georgetown	West Toronto
Mrs. Frank B. Denbeigh	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. Wm. Fleming	Presbyterian, Woodbridge	West Toronto
Mrs. John Torrance	Presbyterian, Woodbridge	West Toronto
Mrs. John J. Ross	Presbyterian, Woodbridge	West Toronto

NEVER!

"The Christian need never be the victim of death. Death, to him, means a messenger from eternity, come to open the halls of heaven, and, though the corridor through which God leads one may be dark, it opens into a broad, resplendent mansion where He Who has conquered death awaits. In His presence there is joy, and at His right hand, pleasures forevermore."

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LIFE IS A JOURNEY

Life is a journey—not a home; a road, not a city or habitation. The enjoyments and blessings we have along the road are but little Inns on the roadside—where we may be refreshed for a moment, that we may, with new strength, press on to the goal.

You will meet in the miles ahead on this road, many men and women. Every one of them will have his, or her, day brightened or darkened by the tone and manner of *your* greeting. You can put a little more spring in the step—a little more joy in the heart—of every one of them, just by your cheerful, confident, salutation. Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumph—a beginning, a struggle, and a victory!

A few wise friends with whom to counsel; a few good books to read and absorb; courage and faith; the ever-present love of God in our hearts—and we are well-equipped to travel on this Road of Life, to face life's difficulties and disappointments, as well as its pleasures and successes. But we must remember that lives are made of chapters. After one is written, it cannot be revised, but we *can* write a *new* chapter with each new day.

Philips Brooks.

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A PATH UNTROD!

"Before us lies a road untried,
a Path untrod;
Beside us walks a friend well loved,
That friend is God!"

(Selected)

THE TREASURER SPEAKS

THE ESTIMATES FOR 1966, as set forth in the following pages, were compiled early in 1965 to present to the delegates to Council in May for decision. These were examined, explained, carefully studied and accepted. No salary increments were originally included in this Estimate, but Council unanimously agreed that a salary scale in these times must include a yearly increment to keep pace with living costs, and to recognize years of service. To that end the sum of $12,750 was added.

The 1966 Estimate is, therefore, $477,669 plus the separate Supply Estimate of $21,587. This, then, becomes the working "Objective" of the Society. This, then, must also become the personal responsibility of each and every member to strive to provide the requirements for all areas where we have workers and commitments, at home and abroad.

Every name listed in the next ten pages or so represents a task being done for US — in most cases a full-time job away beyond the call of duty, and away beyond the 40-hour-week of employees elsewhere. There is no limit to *their* "hour-week" — morning — noon — and night — week days and Sundays.

Every line holds an interesting story and is worthwhile, or a necessary evil, such as rent at home or overseas, upkeep of property, repairs and replacement of equipment, taxes, auditing and insurance.

Miss E. Luzetta McClelland
W.M.S. Treasurer

You will find new names in some new areas of work on the home field, and other new names in three overseas fields. Information regarding these appointments is to be found in the September issue of "The Glad Tidings" pages 8-11 and 18-21. While you have your Tidings open you might read also pages 22-24 and 33-35. These two items tell the story behind three more names in the Estimates. All this in one issue and more to be found in others! This keeps us up-to-date and brings to life the items in the following pages. How many more do you know?

Are we, by any chance, skating along on the surface, and not really

KNOWING what we are doing? If we KNOW more, we will CARE more and DO more. We have a big task ahead of us which is worthy of our best efforts. How can we hope to accomplish this?

A "Fair Share" is only fair or applicable when everyone participates. So, it stands to reason that for everyone who does not shoulder her full share of responsibility there must be another person who makes up that share. This is very evident across our Society, when we discover that approximately 25% of our members, in approximately 25% of the adult groups, are contributing nearly half the amount given by the whole Society. This record was figured carefully from the 1964 reports. These groups are indeed "covering" for many others.

With the new goal which all have worked on during 1965, we trust that many of the other 75% have reached upward in interest, dedication, and commitment, to feel the true joy of a more adequate Christian witness.

Our thanks go to the Group Treasurers who have followed the request to remit after *each* meeting — and also to those Groups that made up their summer commitments in June, or early September. Summer is a very busy time for our staff at camps, vacation Bible Schools, training centres, vans, etc., while most groups cease to function for two and often three months.

We trust as 1965 closes and the books are audited, that we all will have made a valiant effort to far surpass all previous achievements.

As we face into 1966 may every heart whisper this prayer —

> We hear Thy voice, O Master, saying to Peter, "Feed my sheep; feed my lambs." We know that Thou didst bid us do the same. Thou hast given us the word of life; may we give it to all men everywhere. Help us to feed Thy sheep, to feed Thy lambs. Amen.

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TO THE NEW YEAR

One song for thee, New Year,
One Universal Prayer;
Teach us — all other teachings far above —
To hide dark hate beneath the wings of love;
To slay all hatred, strife,
And live the larger life!
To bind the wounds that bleed;
To lift the fallen, lead the blind
As only love can lead —
To live for all mankind!

(James Whitcomb Riley)

W.M.S. ESTIMATES FOR 1966

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Executive Director—Miss Giolle G. Kelly, B.A.

Executive Director: Miss Giolle Kelly, B.A.
Secretary:
Salaries and Expenses .... $ 10,000.00

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Quebec: Miss Hazell Davis, Mrs. G. P. Louie, Mrs. Yew Fin Tam Hu
Toronto, Ontario: Miss Margaret Near, M.A., Miss Elsie Lee — (On loan to W.M.S. (E.D.)
Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Susan Young, Miss Ann Wilson, L.L.C.M., Kindergarten Assistant, Grant to Chinese Church—Paid from Kindergarten fees
Victoria, B.C.: Chinese Assistant
Furlough Expenses .... $ 29,200.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Manitoba and Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ontario. (Salaries and administration paid through Indian School funds.)

HOSPITAL VISITORS

Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Lily Simpson (part-time)
New Westminster, B.C.: Mrs. Roy Mercer (part-time)
Edmonton, Alta.: Mrs. H. B. Wallace
Winnipeg, Man.: Mrs. G. W. Bradley
London, Ont.: Miss Lila Schneider
Montreal, Que.: Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale
Salaries .... $ 12,525.00

DEACONESSES AND INSTITUTIONS

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School: Director of Christian Education
Presbytery of Victoria, B.C.: Miss Winnifred Ripley
Presbytery of Westminster, B.C.: Miss Ellen Douglas
St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, Vancouver, B.C.: Deaconess, Maintenance
Presbytery of Red Deer, Alta.: Miss Shirley Smart
Presbytery of Prince Albert, Sask.: Miss Hilda Blackwell
Presbyterian, Fellowship House, Prince Albert, Sask.: Mr. F. J. Dickson, Mrs. F. J. Dickson, Summer Relief
Presbytery of Saskatoon, Sask.: Miss Evelyn Murdoch

Presbytery of Brandon, Man.: Miss Mary Lou Funston
Presbytery of Winnipeg, Man.: Miss Dorothy McCombie, Miss Iris Ford
Presbytery Fellowship House, Winnipeg, Man.: Mr. A. Beattie, Mrs. A. Beattie, Additional Staff Member, Summer Relief
Presbytery of the Lake-of-the-Woods, Ont.: Miss Marilyn Duffield
Presbytery of Hamilton, Ont.: Miss Sheila Stephens
Presbytery of Temiskaming, Ont.: Deaconess
Presbytery of Barrie, Ont.: Miss Dorothy Lukes
Presbytery of West Toronto, Ont.: Deaconess
Presbytery of East Toronto, Ont.: Miss Flora Whiteford, Deaconess, Miss Ruby Walker
Presbytery of Peterborough, Ont.: Miss Margaret Balderston
Presbytery of Montreal, Que.: Miss Catherine Watson, Miss Lillian Reay

Salaries	$ 77,280.00

IMMIGRATION

Printing of letters of welcome and Social Service Summer Assistance	$ 800.00
Maintenance of Missionary Vans	1,500.00
Student Deaconesses	5,000.00
Transportation of Summer Workers	700.00
French Work	700.00
Expenses	4,700.00
Transportation of National Staff	300.00
Contingency	1,500.00
NATIONAL TOTAL	$144,205.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Executive Director — Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A.

Executive Director: Miss Mary Whale, B.A.
Secretarial Assistant: Miss Pauline Kujanik

Salaries and Expenses	$ 10,300.00

INDIA

Jhansi Field—
Helen MacDonald Memorial School
Salaries:
Miss Edith Magee, B.A., Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., B.Ed., M.R.E., Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E., Miss

Eleanor Knott, B.H.Sc., M.A.	$ 9,850.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Educational	$ 7,300.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	2,886.00	
Tibetan Children	1,500.00	
Medical Assistance	300.00	
Mission Business	264.00	$ 22,100.00
Bursaries		$ 200.00
Jhansi Total		$ 22,300.00
Bhil Field		
Salaries:		
Miss Irene Stringer, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., Miss Ida White, Reg.N., Miss Doreen Morrison, Reg.N., *Miss A. Prendergast, Reg.N., *Miss Catherine Polson, Reg.N., *Miss Suzanne Sarjeant, Reg.N., Miss Ruth Bentley Immediate Staff Needs (1)		$ 30,184.00
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelistic	$ 3,670.00	
Mobile Medical Units	8,010.00	
Education — Schools and Hostels	7,605.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	695.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	7,605.00	
Mission Business	1,310.00	
Christian Education	250.00	
Language Study	820.00	
Scholarships	1,935.00	31,900.00
Bhil Total		$ 62,084.00
Co-operative Work:		
Vellore All-India Christian Medical College:		
Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N., M.A., Miss E. Greenwood	$ 3,375.00	
Grant to Vellore Maintenance	1,580.00	

Ludhiana:		
Grant to Ludhiana Maintenance	2,750.00	
Allahabad Agricultural College	500.00	
National Christian Council of India	200.00	
Serampore Theological Seminary	350.00	$ 8,755.00
Supplementary Income Tax—Bhil and Jhansi Fields		$ 600.00
INDIA TOTAL		$ 93,739.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries:		
Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Merle McGowan, Miss Athalie Read		
Immediate Staff Needs (1)		$ 9,950.00
General Conduct of Work:		
Missionaries' Rent	$ 1,100.00	
Car Allowance and other travel	1,500.00	
Conferences	400.00	
Bursary (1)	125.00	3,125.00
BRITISH GUIANA TOTAL		$ 13,075.00

NIGERIA

Salaries:		
Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T., Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., Miss Anne Howson, Reg.N., Miss Shirley Dredge		
*Staff Needs		$ 14,450.00
General Conduct of Work:		
Car Allowance and Travel	$ 1,200.00	
General Expenses	100.00	
Training Courses etc.	150.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	550.00	
Contingency	200.00	$ 2,200.00
NIGERIA TOTAL		$ 16,650.00

FORMOSA

Salaries:

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Miss Diane Petrie, Reg.N., Miss Louise Gamble,

*Miss Rose Chambers		$ 9,950.00
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelism	$ 2,360.00	
Field Work	250.00	
Travel	300.00	
Maintenance of Property	500.00	
Rent	1,200.00	
Mission Business	250.00	
Conferences	100.00	
Hsin Chu Bible School	600.00	
Formosa Secretaries' Consultation	150.00	
Language Study	800.00	
Mountain Work Committee	650.00	$ 7,160.00
FORMOSA TOTAL		$ 17,110.00

KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

Salaries:		
Miss Mavis Hyndman, Immediate Staff Needs (1)		$ 4,150.00
General Conduct of Work:		
Salaries for Deaconesses, Christian Education Workers and Kindergarten Worker	$ 4,300.00	
Grants to Young People's Department, Christian Education Department and Women's Department	2,000.00	
Training of Women Theological Students	700.00	
Expenses	1,600.00	$ 8,600.00
KOREANS IN JAPAN TOTAL		$ 12,750.00

BURSARIES IN CANADA

Miss Comfort Ejere	$ 700.00	
Miss Diana Wadsworth	250.00	
Miss Margaret Leask	150.00	
Miss Shirley Dredge	250.00	
Orientation Course—4 new missionaries	800.00	
Linguistics Course—4 new missionaries	300.00	$ 2,450.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Returning to Fields: Miss Diana Wadsworth, Miss Athalie Read, Miss Shir-

ley Dredge	$ 2,000.00	
New Missionaries going to fields (4)	3,200.00	
Coming from Fields: Miss Mary Sherrick, Miss Margaret Leask	1,600.00	
Cost of Living in Canada: Miss Diana Wadsworth, Miss Athalie Read, Miss Shirley Dredge, Miss Mary Sherrick, Miss Margaret Leask, New Missionaries (4)	3,700.00	
Travel in Canada for Consultation with Council Executive	300.00	
MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES TOTAL		$ 10,800.00
Overseas Contingency		2,000.00
Director's Administrative Visits		1,000.00
Department of Overseas Missions, Canadian Council of Churches		1,100.00
OVERSEAS MISSIONS TOTAL		$180,974.00

*Portion of salaries paid by Knox Church, Toronto.

ORGANIZATION

Executive Director—Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

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Departmental Secretaries:

Assistant in the Adult Department—Miss May Nutt

National Secretary for Teenage Work—Miss Helen Tetley (paid by the Board of Christian Education)

National Secretary for Children's Work—Miss Mabel Booth

Regional Secretaries:

Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss Clare Hanes, Miss Dorothy Keller, B.A., Miss Louis Powrie, Miss Barbara Woodruff, Miss Martine Van Beek, Miss Tamiko Nakamura

Stenographic Secretaries:

Mrs. Edith Ross, Miss Margaret Tranmer, Salaries	$ 45,300.00
Expenses—Director, National and Regional Secretaries	8,500.00
Conduct of Committee Work, including the distribution of magazines for Girls' and Children's Work and Field Letters	1,000.00
Deputation	2,000.00
Camps and Conferences	1,500.00

Training Projects	1,500.00
Contingency	800.00
ORGANIZATION TOTAL	$ 60,600.00

PUBLICATIONS

Executive Director—Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry

Executive Director: Mrs. A. J. Cherry
Secretarial Assistant: Miss Flora MacPherson
Senior Stenographic Secretary: Mrs. Mildred Preston
Senior Typist: Mrs. E. Hipgrave
Order and Mailing Clerk: Mrs. Norma McComb

Salaries and Expenses	$ 16,850.00
Annual Report and Report Forms	2,800.00
Glad Tidings	4,000.00
Free Literature: To include — Promotion Leaflets and Complimentary subscriptions to Glad Tidings	1,000.00
Annual Mission Report of G.B.M. and W.M.S.	350.00
Expenses — Glossy Prints, Council Publicity	200.00
General Contingency	200.00
PUBLICATIONS TOTAL	$ 25,400.00

GRANTS

United Nations Society	$ 10.00	
Department of Education for Mission of the National Council of Churches, U.S.A.	200.00	
Ecumenical Institute of Canada	1,700.00	
Women's International Union, Presbyterial Alliance	50.00	
Committee on Missionary Education of the Canadian Council of Churches	100.00	
Committee on Christian Vocation of the Canadian Council of Churches	200.00	
Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions and National Council of Churches, U.S.A.	100.00	
GRANTS TOTAL		$ 2,360.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Christian Literature for Africa through International Committee and African Literature Centre	$ 1,000.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Church School Material, British Guiana (Caribbean)	400.00
Christian Literature for Chinese through Council on Christian	

Literature for Overseas Chinese	600.00
Chinese Curriculum — South East Asia	400.00
Christian Literature for Formosa	600.00
Christian Literature for India through National Christian Council	400.00
Christian Literature for India, "Christian Home" Magazine	600.00
Christian Literature and Visual Aids — Bhil Field, India	50.00
Literature in the vernacular for non-Christian University students (India)	200.00
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	600.00
Christian Literature for Latin America, "Testimonium"	500.00
Costa Rica Literacy Centre for Caribbean and S.A.	300.00
Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Inc.	300.00
World Literacy and Christian Literature Committee New York	1,000.00
Missionary Research Library, N.Y.	75.00
World Christian Literature Fund	1,250.00
Christian Literature for Nigeria	200.00
World Student Christian Federation	350.00
Canadian Bible Society	1,500.00
French Literature in Canada through French Advisory Committee	750.00
Hungarian Magazine "New Life"	500.00
Italian Church Library Books and Hymn Books	100.00
"Spiritual Awakening"—Kuban Kossack	55.00
Ukranian Literature "Evangelical Truth" through the Rev. Michael Fesenko	1,500.00
Department of Overseas Missions (World Christian Books, Africa S.S. Curriculum, Study Centres)	500.00
Contingency	200.00
	$ 14,180.00
From Legacy Fund	6,000.00
Total	$ 8,180.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries:
Assistant to the Treasurer and Secretary:
Miss Myrtle Rose
Bookkeeper: Miss Margaret Pelley

Senior Stenographer: Mrs. Mary Shepherd (part-time)		$ 9,300.00
Office Rent	$ 9,360.00	
Auditing	750.00	
General Expenses	4,500.00	
Travelling Expenses of Council Executive	2,500.00	
Life Membership	300.00	
Exchange	300.00	
		17,710.00
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL		$ 27,010.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. Property and equipment, including Camps, Vans and Liability Insurance		$ 1,000.00

STUDENT WORK

Student Christian Movement:		
Brazil, Mexico and Chile	$ 1,100.00	
World Mission Committee	1,250.00	
General Budget	75.00	
Friendly Relations with Overseas Students	200.00	$ 2,625.00
COUNCIL MEETING		5,300.00
AUDIO VISUAL EDUCATION		1,000.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR STAFF		2,500.00

SYNODICAL GRANTS

British Columbia	$ 400.00	
Alberta	300.00	
Saskatchewan	290.00	
Manitoba	225.00	
Hamilton and London		
Toronto and Kingston		
Montreal and Ottawa	50.00	$ 1,265.00

SUMMARY OF 1966 ESTIMATES

NATIONAL MISSIONS	$144,205.00
OVERSEAS MISSIONS	180,974.00
ORGANIZATION	60,600.00
PUBLICATIONS	25,400.00
GRANTS	2,360.00
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE	8,180.00

ADMINISTRATION	27,010.00
INSURANCE AND TAXES	1,000.00
STUDENT WORK	2,625.00
COUNCIL MEETING	5,300.00
AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION	1,000.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR STAFF	2,500.00
SYNODICAL GRANTS	1,265.00
GENERAL CONTINGENCY	2,500.00
	$464,919.00
SALARY INCREMENTS	12,750.00
	$477,669.00

1966 SUPPLY FUND ESTIMATE

OVERSEAS MISSIONS		
Jhansi Field—Helen MacDonald Memorial School Hostel Assistance	$ 300.00	
Tibetan Children	200.00	$ 500.00
Bhil Field		
Evangelistic	182.00	
Medical Mobile Units	2,500.00	
Educational—Schools and Hostels	7,069.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	1,386.00	
Outfit Allowance	300.00	11,437.00
British Guiana		
Supplies for Training Classes and Church Schools	200.00	
Outfit Allowance	300.00	500.00
Formosa		
Mountain Work	300.00	
Medical Supplies	300.00	
Music Supplies	250.00	
Outfit Allowances	300.00	1,150.00
Korean Christian Church in Japan		
Outfit Allowance		300.00

Books, Equipment, etc.	1,000.00
	$ 14,887.00
NATIONAL MISSIONS	5,000.00
ORGANIZATION	700.00
CONTINGENCY	1,000.00
	$ 21,587.00

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - October 1965

	1964	**1965**
British Columbia	6,557.26	7,611.58
Alberta	8,086.28	8,366.74
Saskatchewan	5,007.75	7,125.19
Manitoba	5,964.16	6,962.06
Hamilton and London	59,803.83	62,858.76
Toronto and Kingston	60,019.45	66,671.05
Montreal and Quebec	33,551.57	34,100.00
	$178,990.30	$193,695.38

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has announced that now the weekly "World Church News" Broadcast will originate over Station C.B.L. each Saturday at 6.05 P.M, following a National News Bulletin.

You will need to check with your local Radio Station to ascertain when "World Church News" is to be released in your area, since this time will vary across the country.

January S. O. S.

Have you renewed your Glad Tidings subscription for 1966?

If not — we are waiting for it!

Why not — **DO IT NOW?**

Your Prayers are asked

—That, in the New Year of 1966, we will remember daily the National Missionaries serving across the Western Division, that they may be strengthened and blessed in their every endeavour to extend Christ's Kingdom in the months ahead.

—That we may give thanks for the devoted witness, and understanding counsel, of the Director of National Missions, Miss Giollo Kelly, since coming on the staff of the W.M.S. May the challenge of a New Year give her renewed strength and courage for the task.

—for each member of the W.M.S. Family, that, in this New Year, each may be more aware of the "good news" entrusted to all Christians, and filled with increasing desire to share it with others.

—for all leaders of children and youth, that they may be given understanding and love and faith, as they endeavour to interpret the Gospel to those with whom they work.

—For the Japanese-Korean Christian Fellowship Society, which is in the process of organization. The purpose of the society is "to deepen the fellowship among Christians of the two nations, and to work toward improving relations among citizens of the two nations."

—For the teachers and girls of the Helen McDonald Memorial School in Jhansi, India; pray that, during 1966, they may know the peace and joy that comes through service for our Lord and Master.

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GOD BLESS THEE,
Thy goings out, thy comings in,
Thy home, thy friends, thy kith and kin;
Thy hopes and plans, thy work or rest,
God bless them, as **He** seeth best;
In grief and pain, in joy and cheer,
In all **He** sends, **GOD** bless thy year!

(Selected)

A MINISTRY TO THE SICK

by MISS LILY SIMPSON
Hospital Visitor, Vancouver

"HOW NICE it is to see a Church Visitor!" greeted a patient in a semi-private room in the Vancouver General Hospital. The patient invited me to sit down. I had not been seated very long when the patient's wife came in; starting to chat, she said, "When my husband and I were in the Hospital, some time ago, no one from the Church came to visit us, and we felt almost like heathens, as we saw the other patients being visited by their Chaplain or Priest."

How did this happen? There could have been several reasons. When entering the Hospital to begin visiting, we first go to the office, set aside for the Chaplains and Hospital Visitors, and sort out the cards which have been placed in our special box. Occasionally, the cards are placed in the wrong box, or perhaps, when the visitor calls, the patient is absent for some reason—having an X-ray or in the Operating Room.

The Vancouver General Hospital has approximately 1,800 beds. This, of course, is divided into various Departments, each of which is like a Hospital in itself, and necessitates two or three visits a week to cover the entire Hospital. Besides two other smaller General Hospitals, there are a number of special Hospitals caring for different types of patients, such as tuberculosis, polio, infectious diseases, children's illnesses, and the chronically ill. There are over fifty Hospitals in Vancouver proper.

Patients are very different, just as people are different; and there are different reactions to their situations. One patient, from out of town, had been visited a number of times. His relatives had been called in on several occasions because of his serious condition, but he rallied each time. The last time I visited him he was a different person. He seemed perfectly well and was so happy. It was a miracle, and he told me he knew God had a purpose for him, and he was determined to find out what that purpose was. He feels that the Lord is calling him to serve Him, and so he is planning on taking theology, becoming a Minister of the Gospel, and so witness to what the Lord has done for him. At some time during his illness he was given a devotional book, which he was too weak to read himself. Two of the Nurses took it in turn to read to him. Their interest, as well as the contents of the book, had a great effect on him.

Another patient whom I visited had this to say, "I have not gone to

Church as I ought. I know this is not right, and being too busy is no excuse. It is when one becomes ill that one begins to think!" If the Lord spares him, he plans to be more serious about spiritual things. He appreciated so much the visit of someone from the Church. The next time I went to visit him, his wife was present, and I was told that he had cancer and that they could not operate. He was quite resigned, and we had a good talk. He told me his mind was at rest. His wife, who also needed some help, was referred to the One who helps, comforts, and gives strength and encouragement to all who believe in Him.

Many patients have problems, and they are happy to have someone in whom to confide and tell their troubles. It is not always easy to know what to say to a person, but we can take it to the Lord in prayer, knowing that He can undertake. You meet the lonely, the sad, and sometimes the patient without hope.

Perhaps it is the patient in the Nursing Homes who is the most needy. These are mostly elderly men and women who are not able to care for themselves, in a home of their own. They have no one to go to, and so they are placed in Homes for chronic patients. There are many who have no relatives or friends, and so are very pleased to have someone to take an interest in them, and occasionally to do a little shopping for them. The Hospital Visitor is an adopted relative to many. One patient has a shopping list for me every time I go. She has been transferred to a new Nursing Home where the patients can care for themselves more, and where they dress every day. When she first went there, she needed a great many things, and she took great pleasure in being able to get a few things which the pocket money allowed from her pension. Although I would have liked to have given her all the things, it gave her great pleasure to pay for them out of her meagre allowance, and also she felt free to ask me to do the shopping for her.

A patient in one of the Nursing Homes calls me her "Thursday lady," and she always seems very happy to see me. She is in a two-bed ward. The other patient in that room has been an outstanding person. She recently celebrated her one hundredth birthday, and what a wonderful occasion it was for her. Although she is very deaf, there is nothing that escapes her. I happened to visit her the day before her birthday. She had received letters from the Mayor, the Premier, the Lord Mayor of London and the Mayor of London, Ontario, where she was born. The Press had visited her and taken pictures, and she was sitting in a chair all dressed up and wearing a lovely corsage. She proudly showed me all the cards and letters she had received. The next day would be another big day for her, when she had a birthday party.

There is one ward in a Hospital which I visit, from which I always come away feeling that I have had an inspiring time, and that I have learned something. This is the Women's Polio Ward, where I visit all the patients. There is only one Presbyterian; she has been there twelve years. Her children were small when she contracted poliomyalitis. She was left paralysed, but can use her hands a little. She is in a rocking-bed in the day time, and an iron lung at night. Now her two children have reached their teens, and she is just as concerned about them as any other mother. It relieves her a great deal to talk to someone who can share her concern, and who will join her in prayer for them. It is amazing to see these patients so handicapped, and yet so cheerful. They are interested in the world outside, and, with television and radio, they are able to know a great deal. One of the patients asked me about sending cards to India. She had pen-pals in different countries. She subscribes to a magazine for the handicapped, reading the articles about the Polio patients in other countries. She gets all her own Christmas cards ready, typing the addresses with her toes. Another patient uses the electric typewriter, holding something in her teeth with which to tap the letters. Some of them paint, holding the paint brush in their teeth. Most of the patients are taking courses in one subject or another, such as painting, social service. French, literature and interior decorating. When I first began visiting there, I wondered how I could possibly help such patients. I do not wonder any longer! They are so interested in everything that happens outside their four walls. These days they are hearing, on the radio, about the trouble in India. They want to know about the people, and how it came about that there is now Pakistan and India, and the reason for their coveting Kashmir.

One day, as I left the Polio Ward, a patient called out, "Miss Simpson, when you go on your holidays, be sure to go to the Peace River Power Project." She had just been reading about it. I did not go to the Peace River Power Plant, but I am glad I can go to the Prince of Peace, who is the source of power both for patient and Hospital Visitor. We count on you to claim the power of Christ for your Hospital Visitors, as they carry out this part of our mission.

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INTERPRETERS!

The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble, human souls;
The Gospel of a life like theirs
Is more than books or scrolls.

From scheme and creed, the light goes out,
The saintly face survives;
The blessed Master, none can doubt
Revealed in holy lives.
(J. G. Whittier)

CHANGE AND CHALLENGE IN THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

The Supply Committee of Council Executive

MRS. E. C. TRELEAVEN, Supply Secretary

- need for money supply increasing
- need for bale supply decreasing

"Can we limit the amount of knitting and sewing we are doing and donate the money instead of the material?"

To limit does not mean to eliminate. We still need bales, for the work on Indian Reserves and at Kenora Fellowship Centre. We believe these needs can be readily supplied, by the groups that really enjoy doing handiwork. Some groups need the Christian Fellowship which a sewing group provides, and, as a Missionary Society, this is part of our function. We also have some groups that consider handwork a drudgery, but continue to participate from a sense of dedication, unaware that their outlay of money for the necessary material would more than purchase the article on the field.

Used clothing in good repair is well worth the shipping costs, and is greatly needed in our work with the people on the Indian Reserves. It has been suggested, recently, by Presbyterial Supply Secretaries, that sewing groups can be extremely helpful in remodeling and repairing the used clothing which is donated.

We have learned, from our Overseas Work, that our necessary supplies can definitely be purchased to better advantage in the country where needed than if we procure them here, and pay the shipping and duty charges at the destination. Equipment and medical supplies for our mobile medical units, furniture and equipment for missionaries' living quarters, furnishings and supplies for school class rooms, furnishings for school dormitories, food and clothing for children, gasoline for transportation, typewriters, filing cabinets and paper, etc., for office work, are a few examples of such items.

In recent years we have been asking our groups to donate Christmas gifts and clothing, to send to the Indian Residential Schools. The Society has been informed, by the Principals of the Schools, that five hundred dollars per school would be sufficient to buy these gifts. They can be purchased in the area or by mail order, and eliminate the shipping costs. This method will also ensure that the gift, or garment, will be the suitable size and colour for the student. Reports show that the value of gifts going to the Schools has been much in excess of the proposed five hundred dollars for each school. From a practical standpoint, this will be the better way to fulfill this need. We hope that our membership will agree.

Our financial Supply need for 1966 is $21,587.00. This is an increase of $1,587.00. This amount of one thousand dollars for the Indian Residential Schools; the fact that we have increased our number of workers, which automatically increases the Supply needs; and the rising costs of all merchandise; are some of the reasons for the necessary increase. If we allocate our sewing needs to those groups which desire to sew, and encourage all others to increase their financial contribution to the Supply Fund, we will be in a better position to meet the current needs.

If we consider the importance of the Supply Fund, its tangible, practical relation to our work, we are reminded that it must come over and above the General Fund. The General Fund provides administration and workers' salaries. There is no value in providing supplies for work, if we do not provide the staff and administration to use the supplies.

We trust the foregoing will guide you in your decision as you study the work of the Supply Department.

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THIS WHOLE FAMILIAR WORLD!

Christ talked of grass, and wind,
and rain,
And fig trees, and fair weather,
And made it His delight to bring
Heaven and the earth together.
He spoke of lilies, vines and corn,
The sparrow and the raven,
And words so natural, yet so wise,
Were on men's heart engraven.
And yeast and bread, and flax and
cloth,
And eggs, and fish, and candles;
See how the whole familiar world
He most divinely handles!

(T. T. Lynch)

THE HELEN MACDONALD MEMORIAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, JHANSI, INDIA

MISS MARGARET LEASK AND MISS DIANA WADSWORTH

JHANSI — To an Indian, this name brings the remembrance of a brave, young Queen, Lakshmi Bai, the Rani of Jhansi, who led Indian armies against the British in the Mutiny of 1847. Historically, this is Jhansi's fame. But what thoughts come to *your* mind when you hear the name *Jhansi*?

Jhansi, a city of more than one hundred and twenty thousand, is in Uttar Pradesh, the northern province of India. There, around the beginning of this century, Dr. John Wilkie established a centre for Missionary work. Today, part of that work is carried out in the Helen MacDonald Memorial Higher Secondary School, serving Christian girls of North India.

One hundred and ninety girls, mostly from cities and villages in the Jhansi hinterland, and even from as far away as the borders of Nepal and Bombay, come to take their schooling from grades six to ten, which is the end of High School. Now more and more girls are going on to higher education, and we have been urged by many to open two more higher classes beyond High School; that is, the Intermediate classes which are equivalent to the first two College years. Science is the field that is in demand, and which we eventually hope to offer, but beginnings will be made in the "literary" subjects, which require less space and equipment.

The medium of instruction is Hindi, but all must take two other languages as well, one being English. English is a difficult subject to learn proficiently, yet it is required for entrance into Medical Schools and most Colleges. Therefore, the English preparatory class, for girls eight to ten years old, is an important part of our school programme. Through colourful and interesting library books, many of which have been sent from Canada, the children will continue to improve their English throughout the upper grades, gaining much more knowledge than would be possible through Hindi alone. As yet, few interesting and attractive Hindi books for young people are available.

One of the strengths of a Christian School is the witness of a Christ-centred Hostel programme. Ninety per cent of the girls who attend the

Helen MacDonald School live in the School Hostels. Devoted Indian Christian women care for the girls while they have to be away from home, helping them to solve personal difficulties, and to grow up in the light of the Word of God. Even the youngest try to mend rips and tears, and sew on buttons, but "big sisters" lend a helping hand. Clothes-washing each week is a must, and pennies can't all be spent on sweets, if soap is needed to do the job. Some, whose parents cannot afford to send a weekly allowance, work in the clean-up crew in the School Building, to earn their pocket money. In addition to the routine tasks, that are inevitable in keeping a Hostel neat, clean and healthful, the girls take turns working in cooking groups, which prepare daily Hostel meals under the Matron's supervision. No Jhansi girl graduates not knowing how to cook! The older girls have the opportunity of learning simple nursing skills, as they help care for others in the sick room, under the supervision of our Nurse.

Of course we are concerned that our girls get a good academic education, and special efforts are made to coach weak ones, as well as to stimulate bright ones. But a grounding in the Word of God is absolutely necessary, to prepare these Christian girls to go out and face the pressures of a non-Christian society. Many girls come into a saving faith for the first time through the biweekly Bible studies, daily Chapel periods, Hostel prayer times, and the informal witness of a Christian Indian staff. We pray that the twenty-one Tibetans, the few Hindus, and others also, will come to know the Christ who gave Himself for them.

Graduates of the Helen MacDonald School go on to nursing, teaching, marriage, and a few to medicine. About half of our present teachers are graduates of the school. None of the graduates may be as famous as the well-known Queen of Jhansi, but we pray that all will be as brave. We trust they will be enabled to stand courageously and intelligently in the spiritual battles of life, and to lead others in the struggle against the surrounding hosts of darkness. They need the reinforcements of your prayers.

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THERE WAS A VOICE!

There was a night,
There was a hill,
There was a starlit sky;
An upturned face
That hardly sensed
The night wind blowing by!

There was a Voice —
No human voice —
I heard it clear and still,
And since that night,
And since that Voice
I've loved each starlit hill!

(Selected)

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

by MISS IRENE DICKSON, B.A., B.Ed., A.M.M., B.D.
Special Lecturer and Administrative Assistant
Ewart College, Toronto

JANET SAT IN MY OFFICE, smiled sweetly at me, and proudly announced, "I've decided to be a Nurse." The declaration startled me since Janet had never before shown any interest in nursing. When I asked her what had caused her to make such a decision, she answered, "I'll look perfectly adorable in a white uniform!"

Now this little incident may seem absurd to you, if you are one of those teen-agers who are making intelligent decisions about their careers, but you would be surprised at the number of teen-agers who are exactly like Janet. They drift into occupations for which they are entirely unsuited, for no better reason than hers.

Judy decides to be a librarian because she likes mystery stories; Ann plans to get married, because she doesn't want to study after she leaves High School; and Susan longs for the day when she can work in a store, so that she can eat all the candies she likes. Sounds silly, doesn't it?

Seriously, however, it really is difficult for a teen-ager to make a sensible decision about a career. There are so many occupations from which a young woman can choose today. Not too long ago, a girl was restricted to secretarial work, nursing, teaching, and marriage. Now, a young woman can choose almost any career she really wants to enter.

Before *you* make any decision about a career, there are some important questions you ought to ask yourself. If *you* are wondering what occupation you ought to choose, try to answer these questions honestly.

1. *What is your main purpose in life?*

Is your chief desire in choosing a career to make money, to be successful, or to serve others? Are you thinking just of the gains that will come to you? Have you decided to ignore, or acknowledge, the claims of God on your life?

2. *What are your school marks?*

If they are very good, then your choice of a career is not restricted. If, however, you and your studies are having a struggle — and I do mean a *struggle* — then you would be wise to choose a career that does not involve years of additional study, after you complete Grade XII or Grade XIII.

3. *What are your real interests?*

Any occupation has moments of drudgery and disappointment. These moments are not as disturbing if you are working at something that really interests you. If you like art and music, why decide to be a scientist?

4. *How well can you get along with people?*

Be honest about this. Can you really manage to live peacefully — I mean, most of the time — with your father and mother, or your brothers and sisters? There is no point in thinking you are going to be a gentle Nurse with a healing touch, if you can't get along with people.

5. *How long are you willing to study after High School?*

If you are thinking of getting married right away, you would not be wise to undertake a course of study that would take too long. You could not possibly be a Doctor, unless you were willing to study for at least seven or eight more years after High School.

6. *Do you have any particular gifts?*

Your teachers and your parents can help you answer this. They know you very well, because they have to live with you. Perhaps you have special ability in mathematics. Maybe you are very good with little children. Why not choose a career in which you can develop your special talents?

Once, after a CGIT meeting, I asked Sandra some of these questions. Sandra was a teen-ager who had grown up in the Church. She thoughtfully said, "But I thought a Christian would be *called* to some task. Shouldn't I wait until I *know* what God wants me to do?"

This is a question that some teen-agers ask, when they are considering the claims of God on their life. The important thing to remember is that God calls all Christians to follow Him, and to serve Him. For the Christian, this is *Vocation* — with a capital "V". God expects us to follow this Vocation, no matter what occupation we choose. God needs Christian teachers, Christian waitresses, Christian Nurses, Christian cooks, Christian wives and mothers. (You can add to the list.) In whatever you do, God wants you to use your talents, to dedicate your life to Him, and to seek His will in the choice of your future work.

If you are wondering about a call, as Sandra was, just remember that God speaks to teen-agers, and He does to all of us, in the everyday happenings of life. You may hear God's call to you in something your parents say, or in something your teacher says. You may hear God speak to you in a Church Service, or at a camp Worship Service. The important thing is to keep your *eyes* and *ears* and *mind* open, so that when God calls, you will recognize His voice.

Here are a few suggestions to help you, as you try to decide what to do:—

1. Read as much as you can about various occupations.

2. Talk to people about their work, and don't be afraid to ask questions.
3. Give serious thought to the needs of the Church, and to Christ's call to *you*.
4. Consider the needs of the world in which you live.
5. Pray for help in making your decision.

Just one more thing. Every young person, who is a Christian, ought to give real thought to the call of the Church. The need for young people to serve in various occupations in the Church is great. Women are needed to undertake Missionary work overseas, to work in Canadian Churches, and to specialize in Christian Education.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada trains its young women at Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ontario. If you think that you want more information about careers in the Church, you ought to write to the college. Do visit it, if you are ever in Toronto.

Janet sat in my office and discussed her choice of a career. Sandra talked to me once after a CGIT meeting. Now, it's your turn! Let me ask you what I asked them. "What are *you* going to do?"

(This is the first in a series of articles on answering "God's Call to a Career)

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Boys and Girls!

THE MEETINGS

"IF ONLY I could go to school," sighed Shobha as she walked down the dusty road. "Then I could learn to read. Then I'd know the words on the School Master's gate. Perhaps when Mother is better, Father will let me go. It would be only a few hours each day. I could still help at home."

Soon she came to her house. Entering the courtyard, she looked around. The house had two rooms, one for the family and for their two cows. There was a big verandah at the front. Inside, a low stove and sleeping mats were the only furniture. Her Mother had a few pots for cooking and some dishes. She kept them on a stand made of bamboo. The Bible was on the stand as well, although only Dan, Shobha's older brother could read.

"Perhaps Dan will see the sign on the School Master's gate," she thought. "He will know what it says."

"Shobha is that you?" called a voice from inside the house.

"Yes Auntie," answered Shobha. "Where is Mother?"

"She is resting," said Auntie. "Here, take this jar and go to the well. When you come back, I want you to go and get firewood. Hurry!"

"Hurry! Hurry!" thought Shobha. "Why is Auntie always in a hurry? Maybe it's because she has her own house to keep and ours too. I must hurry! I am big enough to be of some help. Besides if I work harder, Father may notice that I can do things. Then he may let me go to school."

Shobha went as fast as she could to the Village well. Auntie would want to have the noon meal ready for Dan, when he came from school.

No sooner had she brought the wood to Auntie than she heard the shouts of the girls and boys as they ran home from school. As Dan threw open the gate he shouted, "Father, Mother, Auntie, Shobha!"

"Hush, Dan," said Auntie in a whisper. "Your Mother is resting. Now sit down and catch your breath. Whatever you have to say can wait a few minutes!"

It wasn't long until Father came in from the rice fields tired from his day's work. As Mother didn't wish to eat, Father, Dan, Auntie and Shobha sat outside in the shade of a banana tree to eat their meal.

Father and Auntie talked about how Mother had been during the day. Father told of his work in the fields. Then Dan couldn't wait any longer to tell his Father of the news.

"Father," he said excitedly, "There was a sign on the School Master's gate today."

"Oh!" said his Father slowly, "and could you read it?"

"Oh, yes, Father," said Dan proudly. "There are going to be meetings all next week. The Missionaries are coming to give special sermons and singing and magic lantern pictures and everything."

"So that's it," thought Shobha to herself. "The Missionaries are coming! I wonder if I may go to the meetings too?"

The next few days passed slowly. Shobha helped Auntie all she could. One day when Auntie couldn't come she did everything all by herself.

The night before the meetings, Shobha was so excited she couldn't sleep. She tossed and turned on her sleeping mat. At last she could see the sun peeking through the crack in the door. She jumped out of bed. Without being asked, she went for water and gathered sticks and twigs for firewood. She swept the courtyard as clean as she could.

"What a big girl you are getting to be," said her Mother, smiling as Shobha brought her a cup of cool water.

"Mother," asked Shobha, "Do

you think Father will let me go to the meetings?"

"I think so," said her Mother. "We have been Christians such a short time we need to learn much. It is hard to break with the old ways, especially when our neighbours still follow them. We have many questions we want to ask the Missionaries. I wish I could go! Shobha, you must listen very hard so you can tell me all about it when you get home."

"Hello! Is anyone home?" called a strange voice from the gate.

"Yes, come on in!" called Shobha as she ran to open the gate.

"Thank you, I am Miss Scott and this is my friend, Miss Hislop. What a helpful little girl you are."

"We are very glad to see you," said Shobha shyly. "This is my Mother sitting on the verandah."

"Do you know our School Teacher in the village?" asked Shobha.

"Yes, we have come to help him this week," said Miss Hislop.

"My brother read the sign on his gate," said Shobha proudly. "He can read you know."

"That is good," continued Miss Hislop, "because we have come to invite you and your family to come to the meeting tonight."

"Oh, Mother, can I go?" begged Shobha.

"I think so," said her Mother, "I would like to go myself but I am sick. I have a pain in my back and I can only sit here all day long."

"Tomorrow, the Doctor from the Christian hospital at Jobat is coming," said Miss Scott. "Ask your husband to bring you to the tent to see him. I am sure the Doctor will have some medicine to make you well."

"I hope he can," said Shobha.

That night when Shobha went to the meeting she listened carefully. The next day she told her Mother all about what had happened. During the day the Missionaries visited in the homes of the village. They answered the questions and helped the people to know about Jesus.

Shobha's Mother went to see the Doctor. He gave her an injection and some medicine to take. "You should be well and strong in two weeks," said the Doctor.

Every day, more and more people came from other villages to attend the meetings. So many came there was no place for them to sleep.

All too soon, it was the night for the last meeting. Pastor Musa stood up to talk to the people. Afterwards Shobha's Father said he had never heard Pastor Musa speak so well.

It was a happy day for the village. Shobha was happy too. She thought of two things for which she was thankful. Soon her Mother would be well. Soon she would be able to go to school and learn to read. "Then I will be able to read the signs on the School Master's gate!" she told her Mother.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1966

ORDER OF SERVICE

WORLD THEME: "YE ARE MY WITNESSES"
"Prepared by the Scottish Committee for The World Day of Prayer"

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation standing)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. —Psalm 19:1-3

Give unto the Lord glory and strength
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.—Psalm 96:7-9

Hymn: "All people that on earth do dwell." (Tune: **"Old Hundredth."**) No. 86

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell:
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

(Congregation seated)

ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us bow before the Lord in humble adoration and thanksgiving. Let us pray.

O God, who art infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth; all Thy works praise Thee in all places of Thy dominion; and Thy glory is revealed in Jesus Christ Thy Son. Wherefore we praise Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed for ever. —(Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland)

Our loving heavenly Father, we come to worship Thee. In Thy hands are all our ways and in Thy love is all our hope.

We thank Thee for these moments of quiet communion which today we share with Christian people throughout the world; moments which can make us spiritually rich and morally strong; moments of wonder and of joy; moments of humility and dedication. We thank Thee that despite differences of language, race and creed, we are united in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. We thank Thee that Thou art present in every place, and that neither time nor distance can separate us from Thee.

We thank Thee for Thy gifts of love and friendship, joy and sorrow, youth and age, and for the material possessions Thou hast entrusted to us. We humbly pray that we may use each one according to Thy will and purpose.

We thank Thee that we may come to refresh our spirits at the source of all life, to increase our joy at the spring of all satisfaction, and to receive Thy Power and Thy Grace for our daily lives. May we so live that all who know us may hear Christ speaking through us, and may see in us the radiancy of faith that brings the light of God into the ways of men.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: Let us read two passages from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: from chapter 6, verses 1-8, when Isaiah hears the call to begin his life work—to be a speaker for God; and from chapter 43, verses 10-12, when the discipline of humiliation and suffering has done its work upon the nation earlier described as being deaf and blind, but which is now called upon by God to be His witness.

(Congregation standing)

Hymn: "Come, let us to the Lord our God" (Tune: **Belmont C.M.**) No. 436

Come, let us to the Lord our God
With contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
The desolate to mourn.

His voice commands the tempest forth,
And stills the stormy wave;
And though His arm be strong to smite,
'Tis also strong to save.

Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
Shall know Him, and rejoice.
His coming like the morn shall be,
Like morning songs His voice.

So shall His presence bless our souls,
And shed a joyful light;
That hallowed morn shall chase away,
The sorrows of the night.

CONFESSION AND PENITENCE

(Congregation seated or kneeling)

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God, we humbly confess before Thee that we are unworthy of Thy mercies, and of the matchless gift of love which Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We confess that we have not always put to full use the gifts and opportunities which Thou hast given us. For our slackness, and our negligence of Thy commands—

Response: Forgive us, we pray Thee, O Lord.

Leader: We acknowledge, O God, that we have not always listened to the voice of Thy Spirit, when He has spoken to us through Thy Word or through our conscience. For our unwillingness to hear, and our slowness to obey—

Response: Forgive us, we pray Thee, O Lord.

Leader: We confess that we have lived as though Thou hadst no claim upon us—forgetting that Thou hast called us to be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." For our indifference and our arrogance—

Response: Forgive us, we pray Thee, O Lord.

Leader: We remember with sorrow the many times we have failed to show forth Jesus Christ in our lives, and have forgotten the world's need of a Saviour. For our failure to show forth Thy love—

Response: Forgive us, we pray Thee, O Lord.

Leader: We confess our lack of power as Thy witnesses. For our lack of faith in Thy promises, and our lack of vision in Thy Divine plan for Thy Church

Response: Forgive us, we pray Thee, O Lord.

Leader: Hear us, we pray Thee, and when Thou hearest, forgive, for we ask all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MEDITATION ON THE THEME—**"Ye Are My Witnesses"**—(Isaiah 43:10)

Leader: Let us think over in silence: Open our minds that we may understand; Work in our wills, that we may obey; Kindle our hearts that we may love Thee.

(Congregation standing)

Hymn: "Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult." (Tune: **St. Oswald** or **Galilee 8787)** No. 553

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, 'Christian, follow Me.'

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, 'Christian, love Me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love Me more than these.'

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

(Congregation seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: Let us read some verses from St. John's Gospel, chapter 15.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman—vs. 1

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.—vs. 4

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: For without me ye can do nothing—vs. 5

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you—vs. 7

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples—vs. 8

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: Continue ye in my love—vs. 9

Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you—vs. 14

ACT OF DEDICATION

Leader: In Isaiah the relationship between God and His people is indicated by these words: "Ye are my witnesses, and my servant whom I have chosen."

In St. John's Gospel Christ likens the relationship between Himself and His followers to that between the vine and its branches, and He goes on to say: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit."

This, then, is the mission in life for all who call themselves followers of Christ—they are chosen to go and bear fruit—in other words, to be His witnesses.

In the Sermon on the Mount He describes the basic principles of the Christian life, and shows the kind of people He wants His followers to be. He shows, too, how their character could exert a powerful and widespread influence—"Ye are the salt of the earth," and "Ye are the light of the world."

After His Resurrection and before His Ascension, He said to His disciples—"Ye shall be witnesses unto me," and some of those who heard Him were able to say later on—"We are His witnesses of these things."

(Pause)

Let us dedicate our lives afresh to His service.
Let us pray.

Unison: O Lord, our God, in the quiet of this hour of worship we would yield ourselves to Thee. Fill us with Thy Spirit, that we may have strength for our tasks, wisdom for our responsibilities, insight for the times in which we live, and faith to meet all demands.

Grant us the grace to be worthy followers of Him who has called us to be His witnesses. For His Name's sake, Amen.

(Congregation seated)

Hymn: "Lord of Light, Whose Name Outshineth." No. 568

(Tune: **Hyfrydol** or **Alleluia** 8787D)

Lord of light, Whose name outshineth
All the stars and suns of space,
Deign to make us Thy co-workers
In the Kingdom of Thy grace;
Use us to fulfil Thy purpose
In the gift of Christ Thy Son:
Father, as in highest heaven
So on earth Thy will be done

By the toil of lowly workers
In some far outlying field;
By the courage where the radiance
Of the Cross is still revealed;
By the victories of meekness,
Through reproach and suffering won:
Father, as in highest heaven
So on earth Thy will done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
At Thy feet may lowly kneel;
With Thy grace our triumphs hallow,
With Thy charity our zeal;
Lift the nations from the shadows
To the gladness of the sun:
Father, as in highest heaven
So on earth Thy will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchmen,
Never silent day or night;
By the Cross of Jesus bringing
Peace to men, and healing light;
By the love that passeth knowledge,
Making all Thy children one:
Father, as in highest heaven,
So on earth, Thy will be done.

(Congregation seated)

Leader: This is a service of giving as well of Worship, and now let us present our gifts to the Lord.

Around the world, not all the offerings will be monetary—some will consist of handiwork, others, the produce of farm or field—yet all will be used to witness to our Christian faith, and to carry the message of the Father's love for all His children to people in many lands.

"And dost Thou ask a gift from me:
The talents I possess?
Such as I have I give to Thee
That others I may bless."

—Richard Slater

THE OFFERING
DEDICATION OF OFFERING

(Congregation standing)

Leader: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, we bring Thee our gifts and ask that Thou wilt bless and sanctify them. Give guidance that through their use Thy light may penetrate into darkened minds and Thy strength and comfort may reach needy souls around the world. Amen.

Hymn: Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim." (Tune: **Hanover** 10, 10, 11, 11) No. 258.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;
The Name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His Kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might.
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

(Congregation standing)

INTERCESSION

Leader: In this service today we have offered to God our praise, our adoration and our worship. We have acknowledged His loving kindness to all His children and we have thanked Him for His wonderful gifts. We have confessed our sins and asked for His forgiveness. We have heard His call to us to be His witnesses, and we have offered ourselves to be used by Him for the fulfilment of His purposes in the world. Now, we would think of the needs and longings of others, and offer to God our prayers of intercession for the whole world.

Let us pray.

Let us pray for the coming of Christ's Kingdom—

That the forces of materialism and unbelief may be defeated: And that all over the world men's hearts and minds may be turned to Jesus Christ our Lord in whom alone they can find salvation.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the rulers and the leaders of nations—

That they may meet, and together seek to find ways of removing fear and suspicion, and that they may lead their peoples into a better understanding of each other.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for peace—

That hatred and prejudice, self-seeking and aggression, may cease between the nations; that understanding and the desire to help each other may so fill men's minds that the whole world may be united in the family of God.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for all who work for the coming of the Kingdom—

That preachers, teachers, ministers and missionaries, and the great multitude of humble Christians who are witnessing for Christ in everyday life, may be guided by the Holy Spirit and be given grace to be faithful to their great vocation.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray that all who suffer may learn to know that God is Love, and that He will comfort and strengthen them and draw them to Himself.

For all who are afflicted by disease or injury and for those whose minds are clouded:

For all who are underfed and starving:

For all refugees, for the victims of oppression, injustice, cruelty and racial prejudice:

For all who are frustrated, for the sorely tempted, and for those who fall:

For little children who are neglected and unhappy and have never known what it is to be cared for and loved:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Requests for our prayers have come to us from women in other lands. They ask us to join them in lifting up to God their special needs and concerns.

Let us have a period of silence after each petition is read so that we may individually offer our petitions, or a prayer may be offered by one appointed.

Women of **Africa** have asked us to pray that God may guide and direct all those who are in positions of authority and leadership; that Christians in all parts of their continent may be able to interpret Christ by deed and world, in face of rapid changes, so that the younger generation may see examples, rather than study precepts . . . that they may become alive and actively involved in the spread of the gospel of Christ; that churches may be able to contribute their quota as Christians in programs of mass education and all efforts being put forth to combat illiteracy.

Women of **Asia** have asked us to pray for the people of the nations of Southeast Asia, that they may know clearly the difference between totalitarianism and democracy; for freedom in education and that the states in independent nations of Asia may realize the importance of church-related schools in moulding the youth in their countries; that the growing threat to individual liberty in all countries be stemmed; that the tensions between nations be resolved and the peoples of all lands learn to live in peace and freedom.

Women of **Europe** and the **British Isles** have asked us to pray that the old and the lonely may find comfort and strength in God and light at eventide; that Christian people be moved to visit them and seek to bear their burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ; that God will fill our hearts with a new sympathy and understanding of the problems of youth and that we praise God for the very many who, unheard of, have dedicated their lives to Christ and serve Him in all sorts of ways and places; for all people who are living in such material and intellectual comfort that they think they don't need anything more—that they may wake up to the presence of God and the needs of their brethren.

Women of **Latin America** have asked us to pray for their young people who are losing their Christian principles; for their Church which must find new ways to approach social problems of their countries; for government; to find a solid and Christian solution to the actual political situations.

Hear these our prayers of intercession, O Lord, and answer them in accordance with Thy will. And hear us now as we unit will all Thy children everywhere in the words which our Saviour taught us, in the Lord's Prayer — "Our Father . . . ."

(Congregation standing)

Hymn: "The Day Thou Gavest." (Tune: **St. Clement** 9898) **No. 671**

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy Kingdom stands and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us and upon all our work, our worship and our witness offered in His Name. May He give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us now and evermore. Amen.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

(Due to lack of space, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Hamilton and London news has been held over.)

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — Fourteen ladies of this Presbyterial spent a day of fellowship and study together at the Presbyterian Camp held at *Wasa.* The Rev. T. C. Garvin, B.D., of *Creston,* was the morning Guest speaker, and Presbyterial President, Mrs. D. W. Dow, opened the Afternoon Session.

Groups from *Trail, Creston, Kimberley,* and *Cranbrook* heard with appreciation the interesting report of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, *Toronto,* last May, given by Mrs. J. Henderson, of *Trail,* the *Kootenay* representative who attended the Council Meetings. The new Study Book was reviewed, and all members took part in the discussion of its presentation. It was felt that this year's Study, "Mission — The Christian's Calling"—will benefit greatly by the help of those members who had attended the W.M.S. Training Centre held in *Calgary* in July.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Tamiko Nakamura, on furlough from her work among the Koreans in the Korean Presbyterian Church of *Japan,* was Guest Speaker at the Autumn Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* She gave an informative and interesting Address, illustrated with slides, on *Japan,* as it is today, and the problems it is facing, and a Question Period followed. Mrs. W. T. Fowler gave the Thanksgiving Devotional, and, at the close of the Meeting, visitors and members enjoyed a Social Hour.

The Marie Douglas Evening Department of the W.M.S. of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Burnaby,* also enjoyed an Address from Miss Nakamura, which, with her excellent slides, made the audience vividly realize the problems of the Korean Christians in *Japan.* Miss Ellen Douglas led the Devotional Period. All the ladies of the Congregation had been invited to this Meeting, and many joined in the fellowship of the Social Hour, following the Meeting, when new acquaintances were made, and refreshments enjoyed.

At the Rally Day Service, to commemorate the Service in the new Presbyterian Church at Maine Drive and 29th, *West Vancouver,* the presentation of a Pulpit Bible was made by President, Mrs. J. Ahlavidson, on behalf of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Rev. S. L. McIntyre, B.A., of *West Vancouver,* dedicated the Bible "To the Glory of God". Responsive Reading was Psalm 67, and the Lesson was read by David McIntyre, from Ephesians 1, verses 15 to 23.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church held their Autumn Thank-Offering Meeting at the home of President, Mrs. J. Ahlavidson. The Theme was "Courage and Faith", and the Worship Service by Miss Frieda E. Matthews, published in the October "Glad Tidings" was used. The Call to Worship, Prayer, and Meditation, were given by the President. Mrs. B. Bleachly, Presbyterian Delegate to the W.M.S. Training School in *Calgary,* spoke of the value of the Bible Study Sessions, and urged that young W.M.S. members be appointed to attend, and so gain experience of Group Leadership. Mrs. H. G. Hepburn, Supply Secretary on Presbyterial, was a guest.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The

Opening Fall Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* was held in the Church Parlour, with President Mrs. J. A. Andrews presiding, and Mrs. Hubert Irving conducting the Devotional Period. Miss Mary-Lou Funston, Reg.N., Presbytery Deaconess, gave an interesting introduction of the new study, "The Word with Power". An Honorary Membership, in memory of Mrs. Mary Manson, was presented to Mrs. C. H. Reeves, a gift from an anonymous donor, and the Auxiliary presented the Honorary Membership Pin to Mrs. Reeves. Mrs. E. D. Osborne, Representative of The Mission to Lepers, in her Report, noted that $1880.00, realized from the sale of used stamps, had been added to this Fund. A completed Layette is being sent to a Mission Field.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* lost one of its most valued members, last August, when Mrs. E. S. (Sadie) Sherlock suddenly passed away. Born at *Kincardine, Ontario,* she came to *Port Arthur* in 1902, and, three years later, was married to Mr. Ernest S. Sherlock, who predeceased her in 1954. Mrs. Sherlock was an active member of First Presbyterian Church; a Life Member of The Women's Missionary Society (W. D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Past Historian of *Superior* Presbyterial, and formerly active in the Sunday School and the Church Choir. She will be sadly missed by all her friends, both in her Church and Community. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family — her four sons — Stanley, Ivan, James and Howard — and her two daughters — Gladys, and Mrs. Marguerite Fidler, with whom she resided.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Opening Fall Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* a Supper Meeting, after which all present were divided into Groups for the discussion of the Study Book — "Victory". Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, Presbyterial President, occupied the Chair, and there was an unusually large attendance of members. At the summing-up of the inspiring and interesting Group Discussions many expressed the hope that such a Meeting might be held again.

The Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg* was an Evening Meeting, held in the Church, with President, Mrs. A. H. McKay, presiding, Miss Dorothy McCombie, Deaconess, and Inner City Worker, led the Devotional Period, and Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, Presbyterial President, led in intercession for our Missionaries. Mrs. R. J. Earl, President of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary was Soloist. Mrs. Digby Wheeler told of her trip to the *Orient* and to the 100th Anniversary of Protestant witness in *Taiwan*—the Centenary Celebration of the Presbyterian Church of *Formosa,* last June. Mrs. E. Wokkeson, President of the Women's Association, dedicated the Offering. Members and friends from the Women's Organizations in the other Presbyterian Churches of the district were special guests, and enjoyed a Social Hour of Fellowship together in the Church Hall.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church Hall, with President Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, in the Chair. Mrs. Digby Wheeler gave an illuminating Address on her recent visit to *Formosa,* and the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church in *Taiwan.*

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — At a Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Barrie,* Mrs. Lyal Parker led the Devotional Period, and Mrs. Lush gave a Reading. Excellent Reports of the Rally, held in *Stayner,* were given by Miss K. Ederton and Mrs. J. Butt. The C.O.C., under the Leadership of Mrs. O. Baker, Mrs. M. Forde, and Mrs. D. Robson, displayed handiwork and answered questions on their Mission Study. John Young sang a Solo, and the Group sang several Hymns. Janet Young, Nancy Poff, and John Young, spoke on "The Problems of the Inner City", which the Explorers, led by Mrs. Garth Poff, had been studying, and also showed a model of a downtown City Block, which they had made to illustrate the conditions under which many children must live. Refreshments were served at the close of the Meeting.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Trenton,* held its Thank-Offering Service at the regular Sunday Morning Service conducted by the Minister, the Rev. D. A. Wilson, B.A., Miss Tamiko Nakimura, recently returned from *Japan,* was Guest Speaker, and told of her work among the Koreans, in the Korean Presbyterian Church, of *Japan.* The capacity Congregation was interested to learn of what the Presbyterian Church is doing to combat Communism in *Japan.*

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — At Hillside Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury,* the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was attended by delegates from *Massey, Burk's Falls, North Bay, Sudbury* and *Magnetawan.* The Rev. D. Hill, of Calvin Church, *Sudbury,* Moderator of the *North Bay-Algoma* Presbytery, brought Presbytery greetings and conducted Worship Services. Miss Elizabeth Anne Howson, Reg.N., on furlough from *Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker, and took her audience with her on an imaginary trip to *Nigeria,* and the Leper Hospital at *Itu,* as she outlined her work there. Miss Howson described the large Church at *Itu,* with mud floor and benches, but with one window shaped like a Cross, without any glass, but looking out to greenery which gives the impression of a Cathedral, and brings hope and peace to those who are sufferers from Leprosy.

The Chinese Women's Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury,* held its Family Service on Thanksgiving Sunday, with the Rev. James Y. Ko as speaker. There was a large attendance of men, women and children, and during the week-end, the Rev. Mr. Ko visited many homes, and was a real inspiration to all.

The Florence Graham W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury,* has lost a well-loved member in the recent death of Mrs. J. R. Martin, who was a Life Member of the W.M.S., a member of the Women's Association, and at one time held office in *North Bay* Presbyterial. Mrs. Martin was always doing a kindness to someone and never let it be known. Sympathy is extended to her husband and her sisters, and to her many friends, both in her Church and Community.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., just now returned from *Formosa,* after almost 35 years of devoted Missionary work, under our W.M.S., among the people of *"The Island Beautiful",* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S., of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* She spoke especially of her work among the women and the Mountain Tribes, so many of whom have become earnest Christians, and illustrated her address with many beautiful coloured slides of the country and its people. Introduced by Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, Miss Hermanson, who has now finished her term of service in *Taiwan,* thanked the home Auxiliaries for their support, both in prayers and with funds, and, expressing her gratitude that she was permitted for so many years to be our missionary there, she asked us to remember in prayer always, the three young missionaries, who will now be working in *Taiwan,* as she and Miss Dorothy Douglas retire from active service on the Field;— Miss Louise Gamble; Miss Rose Chambers, Reg. N., B.Sc.N.; and Miss Diane Petrie, Reg.N., B.Sc.N. Mrs. Charles Boyd expressed the appreciation of the Meeting to the Speaker.

President, Mrs. R. P. McLean and Past President, Mrs. O. J. Davies welcomed members at the door, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Norma Cowan, Miss Mary Wardlaw, and Mrs. H. S. Evans. Mrs. Shirley Ward was Soloist, accompanied by Mr. Howard Thurston, the Church Organist. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting, with Miss Marjorie Hamilton, President of the Sloan Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S., of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, presiding at the tea-table. The Rev. Charles G. Boyd, B.A., Minister of the Church, pronounced the Benediction.

At the November Meeting of the Janet Geggie W.M.S. Auxiliary of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, Miss Muriel Duncan was the Guest Speaker, and in her introduction to the new Study Book, "Mission — The Christian's Calling", she spoke especially of the meaningful Scripture passages which form the basis of this well-prepared Study — Exodus, 19; Psalm 43; and the Second Chapter of 1st Peter, in particular. President, Mrs. R. P. McLean, presided and introduced the Speaker, and Mrs. Pickett's Group were in charge of the Meeting. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Daniels, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Picket, who also thanked the Speaker. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

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MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — Enthusiasm and interest were keen at the Fall Open Executive Meeting of *Montreal* Presbyterial, held in St. John's Presbyterian Church, in *Duvernay, Quebec*. Some 120 ladies, representing Auxiliaries of this Presbyterial, met for the Box Lunch Supper and enjoyed the hospitality of the Affiliated W.M.S. Group of this comparatively new Church.

Miss Doris Blaise, Past President of *Montreal* Presbyterial, conducted the Worship Service, on the subject of the after-resurrection appearance of Christ to Peter and the other disciples, on the shore of *Tiberius*, when Peter was reinstated. Our Lord's command to Peter, "Feed My Sheep", is His command to those of us today, who can say "Thou knowest I love thee". Two members of St. John's Presbyterian Church sang two duets during the Service.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., just returned from Formosa, where she has been a beloved Missionary, under the W.M.S., for thirty five years, was Guest Speaker, and in her own inimitable way, told of her care and concern for the people among whom she has worked for so many years, both in Hospital, and among the Mountain Tribes, especially among the women and children. Miss M. R. Macnaughton, Departmental Secretary for Evening Auxiliaries, introduced Miss Hermanson, and Honorary President, Mrs. E. S. Harding, thanked the Speaker and conveyed the appreciation of the Meeting.

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In the cold of winter-time, how do the Wild Ones know
That when shadows etch themselves on the softened snow,
Spring whispers in the sunshine — her promise fills the air,
And soon God's world of plenty will surround them everywhere?
(L.M.C.)

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FAMINE

by MARGARET KENNEDY,

Barwani, India

(Our own beloved Missionary in Barwani, India, Miss Margaret Kennedy, was requested, by the Economic Development Committee of our work in India, to write the following Article (for publication in our "Glad Tidings" if possible) regarding the serious Famine which is already creating a vital crisis for the millions of people in India, and telling us also what are the conditions which face our own workers there, as this unhappy situation develops and they become more and more involved in it.

At the same time, Mr. Roger Horrell, a Missionary of our Presbyterian Church in Canada, who is working in India, in the field of economic development, was requested to write a similar Article for "The Presbyterian Record". By the time you read Miss Kennedy's Article in this February issue, many of you will have read Mr. Horrell's Article, published in the January issue of "The Record," and will already be aware of the increasing seriousness of this dreadful famine, which is swiftly spreading throughout India.

You will be glad to know, then, that, closely co-ordinated with the plans of other Denominations through the Canadian Council of Churches, a Campaign for the India Famine Relief Fund is being conducted throughout our Presbyterian Church in Canada. Those wishing to help in this great need should send their gifts to The Treasurer, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 63 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ont. Mark these clearly "Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service". Receipts will be issued.)

WE ARE PREPARING for a famine! It is a strange business. As yet, most people are eating; work is going on sporadically; yet a great fear hangs over all in the villages. What grain there is, will undoubtedly be finished in a month or two—then, what will there be to eat? The rains are seven months away, and the first monsoon crop is ten months distant.

This is my first experience of facing a famine, not only of food, but of water. In Amkut, the average rainfall in the monsoon is around 50 in.; this year, 21 in. fell! In Barwani, the average is around 20 in.—and 8 in. fell! The wells are dry, or very low, and the streams have dried up. Wherever there is any water, especially in the recently-built Government dams in this area, it is being used to irrigate some fields, and the young wheat makes refreshing green patches. Government teams are trying to get around to help deepen wells, and blast new ones, an endless task, and our economic expert, Mr. Horrell, is advocating that we get equipment and help in this most vital area. I know of two places, myself, where drinking water is now having to be bought.

The Government is seeking to meet the coming distress in many ways, but the need is colossal. This is the leading Article in the recent "Times of India"—

"SITUATION ON FOOD GRIM— DROUGHT CONDITIONS ARE UNPRECEDENTED!"

The Article goes on to say, "With the likely development of very close to famine conditions in some States, like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, the Punjab and Rajastha, and an unprecedented 'drought of the century' having affected most parts of the country, there was no escape from controlled distribution of food." Our province of Madhya Pradesh is thus listed, then, in addition, provincial officers have come and inspected, and now Jhabua and Nimar, the two districts where our Churches are situated, have been declared as famine areas. Rationing has already begun, but even so, the controlled prices are so high in comparison to the daily wage, that people in the labouring class are already suffering.

"Famine is a word that has been thought to have fallen into desuetude, but it confronts the country today", writes the "Times" Editor. He goes on to point out that whereas, in times past, road-making was the work done in famine situations, now "the primary emphasis must fall on programmes more intimately related to land improvement and agriculture, including building up topsoil, stream dyking, terracing, levelling, desilting of tanks, and minor irrigation works."

Such work is beginning now. Last week, I went to visit with friends who are labourers in Balkhar. There was no one in their part of the village, and I was told to look for them in fields over three miles away. There I found them, seven Christian families, and many Muslim and Hindu families. Each man and wife, and any children big enough, were digging up squares of earth—10 ft. x 10 ft. x 1 ft.—while little ones scampered around and babies lay nearby. For each square of earth removed and piled up, they would receive Rs.2 (45c), so they might earn Rs.4, in the day. With this, they could buy 6 lbs. of corn, 2 lbs. of lentils, and a little oil—3 meals for 4 people, and nothing left over! My job that day was to broach the matter of School fees due—what a hope, even though they only pay Rs.2 per month for a child's food in the Hostel! Anyway, at least they were working that day. Several of them had been to see me the week before, because they had no work at all. Ordinarily, they would have been earning well, right now, reaping the peanut and cotton crop. These crops were so poor, that the farmers did the work themselves, and did not call for labourers.

Miss Doreen Morrison, whose Mobile Clinic work is in this area, tells me that already there are signs of malnutrition. The sick are not responding; weak children are dying. Where to begin to help? Milk powder has been very scarce, of late—and we could do with tons of it! The giving of milk could be a most significant contribution. If we could just supplement the diet of some! In the 1952 famine, we got Multi-Purpose Food, which was a wonderful help. If funds become available, we hope to provide some work here and there, and give enriched meals as part of the remuneration. We could build a mud house in Balkhar, which could be used for worship, as there is still no Church building there; we could make a road to a distant Village, so that the Clinic car could take help and medicines. It would seem, though, that grain will have to come from outside the country. We are working on the possibility of receiving Canadian wheat, and for this we will need funds in Canada for buying and shipping. Small quantities of such commodities as instant rice, dried milk, could, no doubt, be sent in parcels, and would help greatly, especially where we have the responsibility of children and students in the Babies' Home, and the Hostels.

Down the road from us in Barwani, is a colony of lepers, and they limp past our gates every day, en route to the Bazaar to beg for their meals. Ordinarily, they do not come to us, except on Festival days, but recently they have come several times, not asking for money, but asking for some provision in the near future. They know that, as grain becomes scarce, they will not be given any. We are checking on this, as the Municipality does take some responsibility, for them. They receive treatment every Sunday, at the State Hospital. The Roman Catholic Sisters dress their wounds, give ointment, and milk powder, when there is any. We will not be able to refuse help to them in the way of food, in the days ahead, so, again, we surely hope that we can get Canadian Wheat.

People in Canada are being asked to help in so many places, and for so many different reasons. This is the price of being affluent! Yet, forgive us, we must put this situation before you, as the people in this area have known Canadians, as their Christian brothers and sisters, for many decades now. We have told of the love of God—now, more than ever, we must show this love, not only in word, but in deed!

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The Lord God is my Father.
I do not envy the world's riches, glory, honour or position.
The Lord is my Lighthouse. There is no darkness in my way.
The Lord is my Castle of Refuge; I shall rest in peace.
The Lord is my Rock and Sure Foundation; I shall not be moved.
The Lord is Love; when I go on the wrong road He beats me with the whip of Love.
Though I wander in the rough desert, the Lord gives me an oasis of life, and I have no cause for worry.
The Lord is my Armament; when I face great yawning cliffs and chasms, I will not be driven back.
Since the Lord is merciful, He lifts me up when I fall down, and holds me securely.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I will give Him thanks.
He feeds me with the food of truth, and I will not be hungry.
He gives me the water of life to drink, so that a fountain springs up in my heart forever.
When I listen to the Lord's voice and follow Him, I have no anxiety, and no one can hinder me.
The road I follow is called "Eternal Life".
The Lord is my true Love, Strength, Hope and Joy forever.

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Wherever a kind hand of pity falls soft on a wound or a woe;
Wherever a peace or a pardon springs up to o'ermaster a foe;
Wherever a tender heart's mercy outreaches to succour a need;
Wherever springs healing for wounding, the Master is risen indeed.
(Mary Lowe Dickinson.)

PRAYER

by MISS DOROTHY BULMER, L.R.C.T.

Ohafia, Eastern Nigeria, West Africa

Our Father in Heaven;—
Most Merciful and All-knowing;
Giver of peace, love, and joy;
We lift our hearts in praise to Thee.
Thou, who understands and comforts every man in his needs—
We lift our hearts in praise to Thee.
Thou, who gives us strength, and Thy calm, in adversity and misfortune—
We lift our hearts in praise to Thee.
Thou, who leads little children into Thy paths, and comforts the elderly in their memories—
We lift our hearts in praise to Thee.
Thou, who lifts us up above our feeble ways and our feeble thoughts, and breathes purpose and value into each life—
We lift our hearts in praise to Thee.
We thank Thee for Thy Son, Jesus, who in His life and words, has drawn us closer to Thee in our understanding.

May we ever consider it a privilege to follow Him, and may Thy peace, love, and joy, dwell in our hearts, that we may move forward in faith and trust.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

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THE CRY OF THE WORLD

"Live and let live" was the call of the old,
The call of the world when the world was cold;
The call of men when they pulled apart;
The call of the race with a chill on its heart;
But "live and help live" is the cry of the new,
The cry of the brother-world rising to birth;
The cry of the Christ for a comrade-like earth!
Edwin Markham.

THE "SEARCHLIGHT" SWINGS!

by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.,
Executive Director of Organization

ON THIS PAGE, WE are accustomed to have the Searchlight directed across the seas, to illumine for us the work being done by Christians in other lands, as India, Formosa, British Guiana, Japan, Nigeria.

How often we have thrilled to stories of Schools, of Mobile Medical Units, and of Churches, which have come into being through the faith and devotion of those who recently have become part of the Christian fellowship! How proud we are to think that we have had some share in sending our representatives to work in those lands! Truly, our imaginations have been stirred, our interest aroused and strengthened, as we have been made conscious of our fellow-Christians around the world. Reports from these lands have added interest to our Meeting Programmes, as studies have centred on country after country.

Now, in this year 1965-66, the theme "Mission: the Christian's Calling" makes the searchlight focus, in all its devastating brilliance, on us—on you, on me. We are asked to turn to the Bible, to seek to understand more clearly what it means to bear the name "Christian." Is such a theme really "Mission" study? How is it related to the Mission Overseas? This theme—"Mission: The Christian's Calling"—is a very searching light, illuminating the weak spots in the very foundations of what we refer to as "our Mission work." This searchlight will show up what the foundation of our interest in, and concern for, "Mission" really is. Why do we support the "Mission of the Church"? Is it because we have met and liked some person involved in it? Is it because we are interested in education or medical work, or is there a deeper and stronger foundation underneath these other reasons, good as each may be? Is it because we have some small understanding of what Peter meant when he wrote "You are . . . God's own people that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light"—or what Paul meant when he wrote to the Corinthians "So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us"?

In one of the books in the Programme Packet, "Realms of Our Calling", we are reminded that "to be God's ambassadors in our daily work we have to return constantly to the source of all life." In order that the foundations may be strong and sure, it is important that we frequently turn to that Book which describes our Commission to us.

In "Realms of Our Calling," page seven, we read—"The Mission of the Church—that Mission is essentially God's Mission, and His Mission is the reconciliation of a separated world and people to himself. It is a Mission that must be carried on in one's own personal sphere, but it is also a Mission that must be expressed throughout the world. It is concerned with individuals, but also with the social order. The Church in Mission, is the Church acting as the agent of God's reconciling love, through its members as the body of Christ, in all the realms of God's creation."

Penetratingly the "Searchlight" swings on each one of us, as individuals, and as congregations. It swings upon us in Canada—it swings on our fellow Christians in India, Formosa, British Guiana, Japan, Nigeria! Searchingly it points out the need for all Christians to realize that we are "called" for "a purpose"—"to proclaim"; that we are called "for the world", to be "salt" and "light"—to share together in the "Ministry of Reconciliation"—Co-Builders with Him who called us "out of darkness into His marvellous light."

Is such a study—"Mission" study? Without an understanding of what this year's study is saying to us, it is very doubtful if we can really experience the thrilling joy of being "called" of God to work with Him in His Mission. For the "Mission" is His, not ours.

If we participate seriously in the Programmes this year, we cannot help but be awed to think of the faith God had in human beings, to call them to such responsibility in His service; we cannot help but see the "Searchlight" swing around the world, on all in every land who profess to follow Christ—fellow Christians called by the same Lord into His Service.

"We" are not the givers—"they" the receivers. Each one gives—each receives.

"Co-Builders," on His invitation—with Christ, the Saviour of the World!

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THAT I MAY SEE

God of bright colours — rainbows,
  peacocks,
And the shot-silk gleam of springing
  Wind-shaken wheat
On rolling, red-ribbed earth;
Thou, who dost bring to birth
  From out the womb
Of darkness, the golden flowers,
  Filling the hollows
With daffodils in March,
  Cowslips in April
  Wild roses in June;
Who, in the smouldering forest,
  Makes the huge
Red flare of the Autumn;
  God of all the colours
On earth, and hues, too bright
  For mortal eyes, in Paradise —
Unblind me to Thy glory, Lord,
  That I may see! (Selected.)

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Eliza Burton	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Georgina Boyd	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Ivy Tebby	St. Andrew's, Huntsville	Barrie
Mrs. A. Vanloon	Knox, Meaford	Barrie
Mrs. Agnes Bates	St. Andrew's, Mansfield	Barrie
Mrs. Bernice Murphy	St. Andrew's, Mansfield	Barrie
Mrs. Catharine Steel-Dveking	Knox, Neepawa	Brandon
Miss Lillian Robertson	First, Brockville	Brockville
Mrs. David MacLennan	First, Brockville	Brockville
Mrs. George A. Robertson	Knox, Tara	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. James Ionson	St. Andrew's, Scarboro	East Toronto
Mrs. A. Muir	St. Andrew's, Scarboro	East Toronto
Mrs. George Young	St. Andrew's, Scarboro	East Toronto
Miss Isabel Clancy	St. Andrew's, Scarboro	East Toronto
Miss Nettie McRae	Knox, Vankleek Hill	Glengarry
Miss Eula Currie	Knox, Preston	Guelph
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Mrs. Ella V. Kennedy	St. Andrew's, Burks Falls	North Bay
Miss Mary Caroline Trenbeth	St. Paul's, Port Hope	Peterborough
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Miss Annie M. Patterson	Guthrie, Alvinston	Sarnia
Mrs. G. Wilson Scott	Burns, Milverton	Stratford
Miss Sarah Jane Spencer	Burns, Milverton	Stratford
Mrs. John Hiddis	Knox, Conn	Saugeen
Mrs. H. M. Mowat	Kerrisdale, Vancouver	Westminster

"YOU'VE GOT TO BE TAUGHT"

by MISS LOIS POWRIE,

Regional Secretary, Toronto and Kingston Synodical

DO THE WORDS used in the title above remind you of a song? If you are familiar with the Broadway musical "South Pacific," you will remember that these words are sung by the young American Naval Lieutenant who is in love with a Polynesian girl. Remembering how he has been taught to be suspicious of anyone who has a different colour of skin, or eyes which slant in a different way, he sings this song. If you have the recording of South Pacific, you might use it by way of introducing a play—which is part of a small collection of four dramas for play-reading. "Comes The Moment To Decide" is the title of the book containing the four plays, and the title of this article is also the title of one of the plays.

These dramas that are based on real life situations have been written with the concerns of Church and Community groups in mind, and are usable for many occasions and purposes. They depict human desires, dreams, delusions, doubts, and sometimes despairs, with the inevitable decisions to be made by individuals in very real situations. Play-Reading is one method whereby we can, for a few moments at least, walk in another person's shoes, and come to understand, through playing his or her role, what is involved in making a decision about a particular problem.

They are not plays which require a great number of props and preparation, but are meant to be read aloud, to introduce and stimulate discussion. As you read each one, you will be surprised how many members of your group are faced with the same problems. If your group is interested at all in dramatics, this would be a good book to have, and to use with your study this year.

If you are not interested in drama, as such, but do like to try and solve mysteries as you watch them unfold on TV, or, as you read a novel, to think ahead and try to imagine how the author will bring his story to a conclusion, then "Mission As Decision" by Bernard C. Ikeler and Stanley J. Rowland, Jr., may be of more interest to you.

Eight "case histories" have been brought together for us to read, and then we are asked to suggest ways that the individuals concerned might have acted, in order that a satisfactory solution might have been reached. The people in the stories are actual living persons. The authors have given them fictitious names and obscured other details, but in essentials they have stuck to the facts.

Each chapter of the book might form the basis for discussion. The author gives several questions, at the close of each study, which help you to understand the seriousness of the problem being discussed. I am sure you will feel, as I did, that these are live issues, which are being faced in each community represented in the membership of our Society. Because they are "case histories" they should be read as such, or prepared by one person as if he or she were telling his or her own story, and coming to the group for advice. The nature of the issue raised will provoke discussion.

Both the books to which I have been referring, could be taken, using one section or chapter apart from others, for each one constitutes a single story and is not necessarily related to any other, but "Men For Others" is very different. This is a book which should be taken and read completely and then a decision made about how it can be used in *your* group. As I read it, I felt that there was one story and yet several parts to it. There is one person who is trying to discover how men may live for others, and through their service, serve God. It did not seem to me to be the type of book you could break down and read only a chapter at each meeting, for this would spoil the train of thought. In chapter one, we are introduced to two people, one a Missionary in the old sense of the word, the other a young poet who speaks to today's world in modern terms, which seem, on the one hand, to be sacriligious, yet really define the problem of man never understanding how God uses what seem to be ordinary people and situations to bring mankind closer to Him. The remainder of the book talks about ordinary, yet very special people who serve God in this way. If you use this book for your meetings, please read the total story, and then *tell* the person's story in your own way.

The most important fact to remember is that each of these books tells of persons who have lived, problems they have faced, decisions they had to make. It is up to you to make them live again for your group, as you present their story.

"Comes The Moment To Decide," "Mission As Decision," and "Men for Others", are all related to this year's Study Theme "Mission —The Christian's Calling." Each can be used to supplement the material in the packet for Adult Groups. If your group is one which might not, normally, use all the materials provided in the packet, any one of these books would provide you with study material which is related to the problems and issues which face you where you live, and help us to realize how important the lives of individuals can be, in the extending of God's Kingdom.

"You've Got To Be Taught" it is true, and some of the most important lessons to be learned are taught by what we are, and do, day by day, far more than by what we say.

(Any of these books may be ordered through the Publications Department, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) Room 205, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1.)

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LOOKING AHEAD!

The year of Canada's 100th Birthday is fast approaching. To mark this birthday the Canadian Council of Churches, through its Committee on Missionary Education and Department of Christian Education, has undertaken the preparation of six attractive publications, on the general theme, "The Contribution of the Church to the Development of Canada."

These publications include five books by well-known Canadian writers — one for each age group — Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult — and an attractive map of Canada.

These books will be found in a number of the 1966-67 Programme Packets recommended for Study Groups, and will be very suitable for individual reading and gifts.

Watch for further publicity about them. Meanwhile, prepare for the 1966-67 Canada Study Year by keeping articles you find in newspapers, magazines, and books, which relate to the general theme.

IN THE QUIETNESS OF PRAYER

"There is strength for every burden,
There is courage for the day;
There is hope for each tomorrow
There is help along the way!
There is peace of mind, transcending
All the upset round about;
There is grace for every trial,
There is faith for every doubt!
There is comfort in just trusting
Each new moment to His care,
And a real and blest assurance
In the quietness of prayer!"

(Jon Gilbert)

(Sent to us by Mrs. John F. Nute—
Haney, B.C., formerly of Orangeville)

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — 1965

by (MRS. GEORGE) FANNY W. LAWRENCE

IF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IS to remain true to its original purpose and meaning, its observance must convey to those participating "an awareness of, and a commitment to the reality and power of prayer." This, the women of Channel, Newfoundland, ably demonstrated on that Friday morning of March 5th, 1965.

While most of Canada lay wrapped in the quietness of morning, these women started a Prayer Chain, of 15-minute segments, until the time of the Service. A unique Preparatory Service, surely! That day, 500 women and 250 girls took part in this observance—the first Canadian link in the chain of Prayer that encircled the earth was well and truly forged by the shores of the great Atlantic. As the Day unfolded, the chain lengthened, as our prayers rose over woodland, quiet village, and bustling City. By lakes, like inland seas, it went; across snow-blanketed Prairies; crossing high mountains, and out to the Pacific's far horizon, where other voices would bear it on its way.

We came, with our concerns for ourselves, and others, to take part in a deeply spiritual Service. Mindful of our blessings, and demonstrating our concern and desire to share with others, our Offerings were given to serve men in their needs, and to help to make known God's purpose for the world. Comments from that Day speak of the joy and fellowship experienced in thousands of inter-Church groups across Canada. As many as eleven Denominations participated in some Services; tradition was bridged as members of the Roman Catholic faith came, too, to pray.

In the far Northland, inter-racial gatherings remind us that our Canadian family speaks many tongues. Printed in English, French, Japanese and Chinese, the Service found its way to far places, and many translations were made locally that there would be comfort in a Service with familiar words. Beyond our borders, we heard of translations into Creole (Haiti), Swahili (Africa), Bhili (India); requests came from Bolivia, British Guiana, Trinidad, the Armed Forces in India, and the U.S.A.

Local Committees evolved many new ways to stimulate interest, with careful planning and preparation well ahead of the Day. There were hindrances and difficulties to overcome—floods and blizzards; regional epidemics kept Mothers house-bound; community activities interfered—so attendance was affected. Service times remained elastic, to accommodate those not free in the daytime, or to allow children to participate.

Somewhere in the West, a dauntless woman rode a tractor, defying snow-blocked roads, to attend the Service. In another Community, a Bible is a treasured possession of the child who won the Poster Contest for Sunday School children, and these Posters were displayed in local shop windows. One Group used a map, showing places where the World Day of Prayer was being observed. Participating that Day in this wonderful Fellowship of Prayer, were 124 different countries. One letter reminded us that, through the years, women, by their valiant efforts, have kept Church doors open—"Our Church has been closed," this letter said, "but the W.M.S. continued. We had a small, but gratifying, attendance."

From over 3,000 centres, many suggestions came with the Offerings—all have been acknowledged, recorded, and will be reviewed before preparation begins for another Day of Prayer. This Volunteer Corps, drawn from all Denominations on the Council, feels privileged to have a part in the work of sending out the Services, and carrying-out the many duties entailed in the 10 weeks of activity preceding the observance of the World Day of Prayer. This year, 276,358 pieces of material were sorted, parcelled, and mailed. Report Forms tell us of Canadian women sharing in the fellowship and service, throughout the year, within local Inter-Church Committees, or Councils.

Through Grants, made possible from the 1965 Offerings of more than $70,000, we witness to Jesus Christ in the World. Our children witness too, through their Offerings. Bibles, picture books, and stories of Jesus, are made possible in India and Jamaica; Canadian children who are blind, are given the joy of reading their own special "Dot" magazine. Through Bible Societies, we witness to the ends of the earth, that men of all races and nations may hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our substantial Grant, which helps to provide Bibles and other literature in many tongues and lands, and also to the many refugees.

From every part of the world comes the demand for Christian books which can help the Christian to understand his new Faith, or to know how to present that Faith to others. Through co-operative Literacy Projects we help to fill these needs, and we help to supply Village Libraries and Bookmobiles for the people of India, Africa, Asia, Malaya, and Latin America. Reading Rooms are often just a wayside booth in busy centres of India and Asia, but students and scholars seek reading matter there about this revolutionary Faith of Jesus Christ, and this our Grants help to supply.

In Africa, Study and Literacy Centres have received Grants to help train Nationals in writing Christian literature for their own people, in their own languages. We also help, with World Day of Prayer funds, to provide Radio-tapes and Recordings, for Radio has a profound influence on those who listen, and there are many areas where no Missionary can go, and no Church can openly witness. For many, the words of Christ have never been heard. Some of these listeners are educated and products of a sophisticated culture; others are uneducated, barefoot villagers.

Sound waves know no impenetrable borders, and through them, we have touched the lives of countless people, because of our Offerings made on the World Day of Prayer each year. As His witnesses, we serve God wherever He lays upon us the obligation of our duty, remembering it is written that "They shall see, who have never been told of Him, and they shall understand, who have never heard of Him." (Romans 15-21, S.R.V.)

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AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT!

A PAST MODERATOR of The Presbyterian Church of Formosa, Dr. C. H. Hwang, of Taiwan, has been appointed an Associate Director of The Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Hwang will work from the London Office, and will have the oversight of the Fund's services to Theological Schools in Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and the Pacific. He will visit Seminaries in these countries, confer with Staffs, and help them to develop higher standards in their preparation of an effective Christian Ministry.

Dr. Hwang is an internationally-known leader in Theological Education and Ecumenical Affairs, and received his formal education at Tokyo University, Japan; Cambridge University, England; and Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He is a former Lecturer at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, and has been Vice President of the World Council of Christian Education; Chairman of the Association of Theological Schools in South East Asia; Chairman of the Committee on Life, Message, and Unity of the East Asia Christian Conference; Vice Chairman of the Tunghai Christian University Board, Taiwan; and a member of the Editorial Board of "The Ecumenical Review". Dr. Hwang brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this important new appointment, and all Presbyterians are proud indeed of him—especially those who have had contact with him in his work in the Presbyterian Church of Formosa through the years. (L.M.C.)

CORRECT ADDRESS — PLEASE NOTE!

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POSTLUDE TO A STUDY FURLOUGH!

(In the June issue we had a "Letter from Hong Kong" by Miss Margaret Near, who was spending her study furlough at the New Asia College improving her Chinese language. During her holiday month, Miss Near accompanied by Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, Supply Secretary on Council Executive, visited several of our Overseas fields. Miss Near tells of her experiences in the following article.)

WHAT A GLORIOUS YEAR it has been! My cup of blessing really did overflow. I can't begin to tell you *all* about it—but will try and mention the highlights.

On New Year's Day, 1965, I arrived in Hong Kong. All sorts of lovely things happened to me there—so many wonderful friends were made, so much royal treatment! But the best thing was a family named Taam—mother, father, grandmother and Priscilla, (and all the "Chi" relatives, especially thirteenth aunt, and sixth aunt and uncle). Come Chinese New Year, I know I'll really be wishing I were back—and not just for all the red envelopes either! I went to New Asia College for a term. The teachers tried hard to eradicate a village accent. But alas, I was only home ten days when I was talking it again (unintentionally, of course); but at least I knew when I was talking it. After class, I saw the sights, made friends, and became an irregular member of Kowloon Hop Yat Church Choir and Youth Fellowship.

The end of April, I was back in Taiwan and spent five weeks there, some of it following Hermie around, attending two Conferences of mountain women, and visiting in Tainan, Taichung and Hsin Chu, with folk whose names had been long familiar. Then I was back to Hong Kong for farewells, and then off we went. "We" meant Mrs. E. C. Treleaven and I. Mrs. T. met me in Hong Kong, and we left June 18th.

We spent three interesting days in Indonesia, met some Indonesian and Chinese-Indonesian young people, and visited the Campsite given to the Church there by Canadian C.G.I.T. Then it was on to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, where the mixture of past and present, and the attempt to unify three cultures, made it very interesting. Bankok gave opportunity to visit another Overseas Chinese Church—Sathorn Cantonese Church—and to meet again Mrs. Hui, who had served as a Missionary in the Maritimes.

And to prove the world is small—I met an aunt of our Organist here. Then on to a land that will be remembered always for its heat—India!

Edith Magee and Margaret Leask gave not just a cup of cold water—it took about seven to partially satisfy us, after an overnight trip to Jhansi! Then Ida White took us in hand, and we relaxed in her care so much that after we had seen all corners of the Bhil Field, and gone on to Bombay, it took the Air India clerk five minutes to convince us that we had missed our plane by about six hours. But all's well that ends well, and we did enjoy Mendha, especially the walk with Sheila-bai through the village.

Then off to Egypt and the Holy Land. When we got off the plane outside Jerusalem, Jordan, there was a shepherd with his flock on the hillside. But the most welcome thing was a cool breeze. Ten days was too short a time to spend in Jordan and Israel. Israel was so modern that one could not help but catch its progressive spirit. Jordan, on the other hand, seemed content to live with its past.

After that it was on to Rome, Geneva, and Berlin. To me, the most impressive thing about Berlin was not its wall, but Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. Its bombed out bell-tower, with its beautiful mosaics of the German Royal House, contrasted with the austere beauty of the new Church, whose only decoration is a suspended crucifix.

When we got to London from Amsterdam, we hit the tourist rush—line-ups everywhere! But we did get to see most things, including a performance of Merchant of Venice at Stratford. Sunday afternoon, I attended Service and fellowship at the Chinese Christian Church, and met Rose and David Pei, friends from Waterloo, Ontario. Alda, Willie and Billy Anderson, in Glasgow, showed us that Scottish hospitality was equal to anywhere in the world, and we really got around. It was a lovely end to eight months of lovely things!

I faced 1965 with much trepidation—now I wonder why. Surely God's faithfulness is ever the same!

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TEACH ME — O LORD!

By the faith that flowers show
  When they bloom unbidden,
By the calm of the river's flow
  To a goal that is hidden;
By the trust of the tree that
  Clings to its deep foundation;
By the courage of wild birds' wings
  As they go on their long migration —
  Wonderful secrets of peace that
  Abide in Nature's breast!
Teach me how to confide, O Lord,
  And live my life — and rest.

(Henry Van Dyke)

THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

by MARGARET ARMSTRONG

"Can you find me a picture of Queen Elizabeth the First?"

"Where can I find the average rainfall in the Congo?"

"Have you got a book that tells how to dissect a frog?"

"Hey, you got any books on culture?"

"Where is a book on Shakespeare's theatre?"

"Have you got Emily Post's book? I want to know how to live graciously."

"Could you show me a good book?"

A group of eager students is clustered around the School Librarian, who questions each one briefly to be sure of what is wanted; and presently they leave with satisfied smiles, book in hand. At the end of a busy day, when she has answered hundreds of similar questions, she may stop to wonder "How did I ever come to be doing this job?"

As I look back, I realize that my home had a great influence on my choice of occupation. As a daughter of the Manse, I was brought up, from earliest childhood, to believe that one had a duty to serve God, and also one's fellow men. My parents also made it clear, very early in life, that I would be given all the education, or training, necessary to fit me for some career of service. I was interested in children and in school, and I thought I would like to be a teacher.

In our home, too, we all loved to read. When I came to decide on my life's occupation, it was a great satisfaction to me to find that my two chief interest, books and young people, could be combined in a stimulating career.

Anyone who chooses a profession chooses a responsibility. This is particularly true of the Christian who keeps before her the responsibility to serve, to give herself to others. John F. Kennedy's words, spoken at his inauguration, have been quoted so often because they are so apt. "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Librarianship is in this category of service careers.

The School Librarian knows what is going on in the school, what the teachers are assigning, the hobbies of the students and teachers, the extra-curricular activities and interest groups. She has the thrill of locating needed information, the satisfaction of knowing that she has supplied a piece which will help to build something, whether it be a life, a business, an education, or a boy's stamp collection. The School Librarian has an interest in the problems and activities of young people, wants to help them to use books and other materials, and to appreciate the value of reading for its own sake. She has an opportunity to lend a helping hand, and an open ear, to the student with a special problem. She must have a genuine liking for young people, and be interested enough to talk to them, and to discover their wants and needs even when they find it difficult to express themselves. When the Librarian selects the books for her Library, she keeps in mind her respect for great and good ideas which may be shared with others.

If you have special interests such as music, art or photography, these can also be developed and used in library work. Today's Libraries contain records, filmstrips, pictures, and other "non-book" materials. Any of these interests can also be used to great advantage in the field of Public Library service. There, one has stimulating contacts with many people, sometimes even celebrities such as authors, actors and T.V. personalities.

As well as a love of books and people, the Librarian needs a sense of order and accuracy, to keep the mass of books, magazines, records and films, in a usable state. She needs patience, and an understanding of those who fail to have her sense of order, her love of books. She needs, also, to have the ability to adjust to change, because this is a profession on which automation, and new developments in many fields, are going to have a great impact.

A Library is people—seeking information, seeking knowledge, seeking ideas. Librarians are there to help the seekers find the gold.

(*Miss Armstrong is the school Librarian at St. Andrew's Junior High School, Toronto*)

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS
JANUARY-NOVEMBER — 1965

	1964	1965
British Columbia	$ 8,765.91	$10,228.72
Alberta	8,704.93	9,838.59
Saskatchewan	5,814.25	7,952.07
Manitoba	7,411.16	8,177.94
Hamilton and London	81,660.83	75,280.80
Toronto and Kingston	79,665.45	80,421.05
Montreal and Ottawa	38,826.57	40,624.00
	$230,849.10	$232,523.17

GENERAL EXPENSES TO NOVEMBER 30, 1965 ...... $370,720.11

Your Prayers are asked

—For people all around the world as they prepare to join in the observation of the World Day of Prayer, that each may be conscious of those in every land who participate in the chain of prayer.

—For children, teenagers, and adults who endeavour to understand their "calling" as Christians, that all may be enabled to follow more closely the One who calls to His Service.

—For the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria as it faces the future. Pray that its members may discern the reason for the postponement of the Inaugural Services of the new Church of Nigeria.

—For Ministers, and students, of the Korean Christian Church in Japan, who are studying in Korea and abroad. Pray for their wives in the homeland, who assist in the work of the Church, as well as care for their little families.

—For Miss Margaret Balderson, National Missionary serving on the territorial Mission Field in Peterborough Presbytery, that she may be given Divine guidance in her every effort in Christian Education.

—For Miss Marilyn Duffield, serving in the Lake of the Woods area. May her witness and influence, among the Indian children and youth, be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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NOT ENOUGH!

"The quest for learning is not enough! The University seeks "to know," but its concern is not only for widened knowledge. This cannot be produced by mechanical thinking alone. Beyond the intellectual, there is another, where one must step out on the venture of Faith. This is very true — and perhaps more so now than ever before! *(From Address given at Harvard Commencement in 1957, by President Pusey.)*

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

By Eugenia Price

The sub-title of this excellent book is "Honest Questions by Teen-Agers, with Honest Answers by Eugenia Price," and that is precisely *what* it is, and *why* it has proven its value and need so amazingly that it is now in its 18th printing, and some 190,000 copies are in print. Eugenia Price is an outstanding figure in the world of religious writing and broadcasting. She is a joyous and firmly-convinced Christian woman and writer, with an infinite understanding of the needs of present day people, especially those of women and our questioning young people. It has been said of her that she is "one of those rare adults who can observe young people 'up close', without assuming the role of lofty critic" — which is, perhaps, the secret of her great popularity among young people, and the remarkable help and guidance which is found within the books she writes, and the messages given over her own transcribed radio series, on the U. S. Networks.

Written primarily for teen-agers, this book is the result of the questions which came to the Author directly from High School and College students. Because, in her own Younger Years, she had asked the very same questions, without getting answers which could satisfy her, Eugenia Price, from her own conviction and experience of the meaning of the Christian life, felt that this book *must* be written. The great demand for it has proved that she was right. These are some of the Chapters — "Why Bother About God?; What's Right and What's Wrong?; Is Sincerity Enough?; Do I Have To Go To Church?; Can A Christian Be Popular?; How Can I Ever Like To Read The Bible?; How Can I Love Someone I Can't See?; Why Do I Have To Pray, If God Knows Everything?; Why Is Sex Wrong, if God Made It?; How Can I Be Sure I'm A Christian." A very worth-while book. Price. Paper—$1.10

MEDITATIONS FOR ADULTS

By Wallace Fridy

There are 26 of these stimulating and worth-while Meditations, written, in the easily understandable language of everyday folk, by a Pastor who has for many years worked with all sorts of people, and so has gained a wide background of knowledge as to the needs, inner longings, and perplexities, of human nature. He is now the Minister of St. John's Methodist Church in Anderson, South Carolina. Each Meditation is followed by two Hymn titles, a Scripture Lesson, and a Prayer. These are excellent for Group Devotionals, and for quiet personal reading and thinking-over, they are equally valuable. Price — $2.25

THOU SHALT NOT FEAR

By Bud Collyer

The name of the Author of this slender volume of 64 pages is indeed a well-known one, as is the happy face and familiar voice of the writer, for this is the versatile Bud Collyer, known to literally millions of television watchers as the friendly host of some of the best and most widely favoured Presentations on the Television Networks. He is a familiar and welcome guest each week in homes beyond number all across the United States and Canada. What few of us have realized, however, is that this is the same Bud Collyer who is now, as he has always been, an active worker in his own home Church, and at present teaching a Youth Class at First Presbyterian Church, Greenwich, Connecticut. He is, in truth one of those radiant Christians, who lives the principles of his Faith, in both his professional and home life.

The contents of his book are really some of the fine sermons in verse, written by Bud Collyer and used on those occasions when he was asked as a lay preacher to give the sermon in different Churches. "Each of which", he tells us in his preface "is a collection of thoughts and ideas which passed through my mind while listening to *good* preachers preach; while teaching my Sunday School Class; or while talking with God!" They never were written to become a book, but they have become one — and a very fine volume indeed, with a clear and jubilant message of "the ever present power of the love of God," and "what course of action should we take when Fear knocks at our doors?"

> "I've heard it said, when fear knocks at the door.
> Send Faith to answer it, and you will find

That there is no one there; and what is more
There we are all particularly blind,
For Faith is *always* there for you and me,
It's just our own unwillingness to see!"

There are four of these verse-sermons — "Thou Shalt Not Fear; What Would We Do?; Payable on Demand; and What Price Resurrection."

Price — $1.65

ROCKING CHAIR REVERIES

By Jane Scott

It is a particular pleasure to me to draw your attention to this fine new book of Jane Scott's, first because the Author is a very dear friend of mine, of many years standing, and secondly because I know her to be, through all the years when ill health was a too-close companion, one of those joyous and steadfast Christians, whose shining faith never faltered, whose courageous outlook on life, and readiness at all times to give of herself and her talents, was a constant inspiration to all who knew her personally or through her fine weekly Articles, first in The Globe and Mail, and later in the Toronto Evening Telegram, and the Windsor Newspapers. She has also been in great demand as a Speaker, and, unless her health would not permit it, she has never refused to give of her best at each engagement, and to hold high the banner of her Lord, and the glory of her Faith, wherever she might be.

This book is filled with the many happenings and "restings" of a busy lifetime, and in them all we find the keen interest in life, the perceptive judge of people and character, the whimsical touch of real humour, the wise evaluation of what is true and good, or what is the "chaff" in the good stuff of life; and the tolerant judgement of the happy Christian who knows the truth of her belief, and has no doubts concerning it. This book is Jane Scott at her best, and those who so enjoyed her first book "My Adventures With God", and are regular followers of her published Columns, will rejoice to know that after eight years of often-postponed gathering together of material, when eye-trouble intervened, "Rocking Chair Reveries" is now available for their further enjoyment. Price — $2.50

WORSHIP FOR ADULT GROUPS

Prepared by the Adult Committee of the Organization Department of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in

Canada, this 36-page Book of Worship Material for Adult Groups, is the often-requested answer to the many queries, and the great need for such a booklet, which replaces a previous and similar booklet, now out of print for some time past.

This is a very fine and comprehensive piece of work, which begins with a Chapter on "Worship In Your Group" — Why Do We Worship?; How Do We Worship?; Resources — Books, Understanding and Planning, plus materials for use in Worship; Magazines, Recordings and suitable Filmstrips or Slides. Another section includes Prayers for use in Groups and Committee Meetings, suitable for almost any occcasion which might arise. There are splendid Services of Worship on the Themes — Praise; Love; Talents;—others for the First Meeting of the Year; an Installation Service; Presentation of a Life Membership; and a Service of Remembrance. This small booklet is a real treasure-trove for the Officers of any Church Group. It is already in wide demand and may be ordered through The Publications Department of the Women's Missionary Society, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ont., Room 205. Price — .35c

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My Prayer For You

I've asked the wind to sing for you,
A star to shine within the blue.
And, oh, I've said a little prayer
That all the time and everywhere
God's great unmeasured love may be
For you a wide and shining sea.

(Author Unknown)

Boys and Girls!

CITY STRANGER

by MILDRED HERMANN

THE CITY APARTMENT was the same size as the Martins' house had been, in the mining town so far away. And it was as empty, ten-year-old Linda thought, as she prowled through the second-floor flat. It had four chairs and a table in the kitchen, a sagging couch in the living room, and two beds, one in each of the bedrooms. Her father had traded the sputtery car for the furniture.

And, like the kitchen cupboard in the clapboard house in the mountains, the cabinets in the apartment kitchen were empty. Linda took a drink of water and wished she had a cracker to eat.

"It's no better here," she said to the freckled-faced girl, staring back at her from the cracked mirror over the sink. "Pa can't find any more work here than he could in the mines back home."

And this is such a big city, she thought, as she wandered over to the window that looked out onto a busy street. The apartment was in a building on top of a steep hill. She could see houses, factories, stores, and highways, spread out all over the city in the fading afternoon sun. Somewhere in the jumble of buildings there had to be a job for her Father.

She ducked her head back into the apartment, when she heard a knock at the door. "Ma," she called out. "Is that you?"

"No," a man's voice answered. "It's Mr. Frees, from the Church down the street. I have some things here I think your Mother can use."

Linda wondered what to do. Her Mother had left her at home alone while she took the baby to the park, because Linda had promised that she would not let anyone in. More than anything else, Linda hated going to the park, where the children ignored her, or laughed at her, because she was new in the neighbourhood.

"Linda," the man outside the door called. "Your Father told me you would be home. He came by the Church this morning to see if I could help him find a job."

"Can you?" Linda asked. "Back home, they said there were lots of jobs in the city, but he can't find even one."

"We'll find one," the man said. "Listen! Our Deacons sent some groceries to help you until he does find something. I'll leave them outside the door. You carry them inside when I'm gone." Linda had the door open before he finished his sentence. The grocery bag was propped against the wall. She knelt down and pulled out a box.

"Graham crackers," she said. "Yummy!" She dug out another packet. It smelled like meat. "Oh, boy," she said. "Hamburgers for supper! Last night we only had beans."

The Minister, tall and thin, and brown from the sun, watched her for a moment. "You shouldn't stay by yourself this way, Linda," he said. "The Church is only two blocks down the street. Why don't you come over now? We're having some games and clubs for children your age."

Linda shook her head quickly. "Uh-huh," she said. "Everybody's stuck-up! Nobody wants a miner's kid around here."

Mr. Frees frowned. "It's not that, really," he said. "The children just don't know what it's like to be a stranger in the city."

Linda struggled to pick up the grocery bag. "Thank you for the groceries," she said. "I don't think I care to go to your club." Mr. Frees frowned again, as he watched Linda push the door shut behind her.

He knocked at the Martins' door while the family was having breakfast the next day. "Any luck yesterday?" he asked Mr. Martin. Linda's Father shook his head from side to side.

"Well," the Minister said. "I made a list of places we can go together this morning, if you want to keep at this." Mr. Martin didn't take time to answer. He just lifted his hat from the coat hook back of the door and walked out the door.

Mrs. Martin laughed. "He's always ready when it's time to go to work!"

Mr. Frees stopped in the doorway. "There's something I forgot," he said. "I forgot to tell the Church Secretary where I was going. Linda, would you take a note to her on your way to school?"

Linda didn't want to do it, but she would. After all, she thought, he's trying to help us. Her heart thumped uneasily as she started up the Church steps. The building was bigger than the Church back home, but it was not very different. The outside walls were painted white. The doors were big and heavy, but they opened easily. All the windows were of coloured glass. At home there was only one picture window. Inside, the church was cool and quiet.

From an office in the back, Linda heard the tap-tap of a typewriter. She followed the sound to the church office, and waited there until the typewriter was silent.

"Mr. Frees said to give you this,"

she said, holding out the note. The secretary read it quickly. "Thank you," she said, "I like to know where the Minister is, in case anyone needs him."

Linda started to back out of the room. The woman followed her. "Let me walk you to the door," she said. "And let me show you our Church building. I don't think you've been here before, have you?" Linda shook her head. The woman pointed out classrooms and meeting rooms as she took Linda to the door.

"Why don't you stop by on your way home from school?" she asked. "We have a Girls' Club. The girls are eager to have new members. I talked to your Dad about it yesterday. He said you'd be a real help. You had a Club something like this back home, didn't you?"

Linda thought of the weekday Club in the mountain Church. She remembered the discussions they'd had, deciding whether to make gifts for children in the hospital, or to make puppets they could use to tell Bible stories at an Old People's Home. They'd decided to do both finally. It had been fun.

But to the Church Secretary Linda said nothing, except that she had to go straight home after school. "Well," the Church Secretary said, "run home after school and tell your mother about the Club, and then come. We'd like to have you." Linda didn't answer. There wasn't any point telling her that no one wanted the Martins.

There wasn't any work for her Father back home in the mines, and there wasn't any for him in the city. And the children didn't want her, either! "Why don't you go back home, Mountain Girl?" the boys teased her at school. They didn't know how much she would like to climb a pebbly mountain road, instead of a cemented city street!

The Secretary seemed to understand what she was thinking. "I know," she said. "It's hard having to make a new home in a strange place! We'd like to help you if you would let us."

Linda half believed her. The Minister at least was doing what he could. The Deacons had sent food. The Secretary was trying to be friendly. "Well," Linda said at last. "Maybe I'll come this afternoon, after I go home and find out how things are."

"Good," the secretary said. "We'd like to have you come to our Club, and to our Church School, and to our Church."

School, somehow, was not quite as awful as it had been the day before. Now and then Linda found herself wondering whether any of the girls in her class belonged to the Church Club. Once she forgot that she did not like city people, and half smiled at a girl who smiled at her. Another time she picked up a pencil that one of the boys dropped. He'd expected her to kick it across the room, the way she had the last time he dropped it. "Th-thanks," he stuttered, in surprise, as she handed him the pencil.

She whizzed home from school. "Any news?" she called out, as her mother opened the door.

"Yes," her mother said, hugging her. "Dad doesn't have a steady job, but Mr. Frees found him one for the next two weeks. And he's going to help Dad keep hunting for steady work. It's just a matter of keeping at it, he said, and Dad will find something."

"It's almost a miracle," she said softly. "Yesterday we were worried and alone. Today we have friends, and help!"

Linda nodded. She had friends, too, even if she didn't know their names yet.

"May I go to the church this afternoon?" she asked her mother.

"There's a club I want to join!"

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EXCUSES ——— ?

1. "You do not have any special ability?"
   Most people do not have this. There are only a few geniuses in the world, you know!

2. "You haven't any time?"
   That is good. Because it is always the people with no time to spare, who get things done!
   Harriet Beecher Stowe, mother of six young children, did not have much spare time—she wrote parts of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on sheets of wrapping paper, as the roast cooked!

3. "You're too old?"
   Well—think of Winston Churchill; Konrad Adenauer; Bernard Barruch; Grandma Moses, who painted her first picture when she was seventy-eight years old; of Thomas Costain, who was fifty-seven, when his first novel was published! It all depends on what your mind calls "old"!

4. "You don't know anything about it?"
   You'll be surprised to find how quickly you can learn! Don't always travel along on the old deep-worn road. Leave the beaten track occasionally and dive into a new pathway. You will be certain to find something that you've never known before. It may be a little thing, but do not ignore it. Follow it up, explore all around it—one discovery will lead to another! (Alexander Graham Bell)

(From The Editors Treasure Box)

MRS. OMOBODA OBIOGUN OF NIGERIA

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

I WONDER if any of you happened to see this clever and charming lady while she was at our Canadian National Exhibition last year? She came with the members of the Nigerian Trade Commission, which was sent to our country to accompany the two splendid Nigerian Exhibits, which for the first time in her history, the Government of Nigeria had officially set up in our Canadian National Exhibition, with the laudable purpose of encouraging increased trade between our two Countries. There were 14 members of this Trade Mission, from many parts of that huge country, all holding responsible positions in their various Regional Governments—and among them was just one woman, Mrs. Omoboda Obiogun, who is the Trade Minister of Midwestern Nigeria, a district covering 15,000 square miles, and the fourth Region of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, West Africa.

Mrs. Obiogun was not able to remain with the Exhibits in Toronto for very long, because she had to be in Vienna for the big Trade Fair there, and from there she planned to attend another Trade Fair in Germany, and her busy schedule in Nigeria called for her being in her own home by the middle of September! However, Mrs. Obiogun, in her busy life, is well used to long and hurried trips, although she said she makes long Trade Trips, such as this, only twice a year, because she does not like to be away too much from her children—a little daughter four-and-a half years old, and a young son, two years old! She is, nevertheless, one of her country's Chief Trade Officers, and her reason for coming to Canada, to be present at the Canadian Government Trade Officials, was to encourage the business men and Government Officials, to be interested in increasing Canada's trade with Nigeria.

"Canada annually imports some $6,000,000 worth of goods from Nigeria," she said at a Press Conference, "and Nigeria purchases from Canada just about the same value, in manufacture and products. Our country is young, and not well known. We have good relationships with Canada, and we are here at your National Exhibition this year to show Canadians what Nigeria has to offer in its many phases of industry and development, and to urge Canadians to increase trade with us, just as much as possible. We, of Nigeria, are a part of the British Commonwealth, and, although, since 1960, Nigeria has had her independence, we value and appreciate highly our contact and co-operation with other countries of the Commonwealth."

A very capable and clever woman, charming and attractive in every way, Mrs. Obiogun is a wonderful Ambassadress for her country, not only in aspects of trade, important as they are, but also as an illustration of the important place Nigerian women are taking in the public and national life of their vigorous young country. With her, on this trip, she brought seven of the beautiful national costumes of the women of Nigeria, and, at the Press Conference, she was indeed a striking and colourful figure in one of these handsome traditional costumes. At this Conference, Mrs. Obiogun wore an artistically embroidered golden-orange blouse, with a deep V neckline and short puff sleeves, over a graceful long wrap-around skirt of harmonizing shading. Her head-dress, or "head-tie," was called a "gele," and its unique simplicity of cut and length of material, makes it possible to twist and tie it about the head in many different ways. It was most becoming! And the delicate hand-wrought golden jewellery she wore was so beautiful in its design and detail that one was happy indeed to know that Mrs. Obiogun is particularly anxious to interest Canadian retailers in this lovely product of her Nigerian craftsmen, and that, quite possibly before too long, we shall be able to find it available in our own Canadian Jewellery Shops. Her own necklace and bracelets worn that day were certainly a splendid introduction to the beauty and delicate appeal of Nigerian jewellery!

"Oh, yes," she smiled as she answered questions, "We do, of course, wear Western dress—but mostly during the day, in Nigeria! We are very fond of our own National dress, you know, and, almost always, we wear these at parties, and evening affairs. I think that, since we have had independence, perhaps we feel more keenly our own nationalism and culture, and this is naturally, reflected in our wearing of our own Nigerian dress, whenever we can."

In the Midwest, as this part of Nigeria is popularly called, the people speak the languages of their respective tribal units—Edo; Ibo; Urhobo; Itsikiri; and Ijaw, but English is the official language. Christianity and Islam are the principal religions, and there are more Christians than Moslems. Ancestral worship is dying out. This Region, although Nigeria's smallest, is well known for its Artists, and very fine art work in bronze, brass, and wood, some of which was beautifully exhibited in the Nigerian Booth at the International Shoppers Market, which was a popular feature in the big Coliseum, for the whole time of the Big Fair. This Region, too, is very rich in mineral and forest resources; mineral oil, natural gas, lignite, limestone deposits, silica, and sand dunes for glass industry. Agricultural resources include rubber, timber, cocoa, cotton, cassava, and palm produce. West Africa's largest timber factory, which produces fine plywood and veneers, is situated in this Midwest Region. It is a land of high potentiality and possibilities.

"Nigeria," said Mrs. Obiogun," is changing from an agricultural to an industrial economy, and we need Canadian machinery, and Canadian people to train our people in using it. Financial and technical assistance is urgently needed. There has been a very rapid development in my country in the last decade, but still our national resources are largely untapped. We are eager to develop food-processing plants; tanneries; tire factories, rope-making plants; meat packing; commercial fisheries; cottage crafts, etc: and we would welcome Canadian 'know-how,' and investment capital. Our Government is campaigning to develop secondary industries, and is offering a 'Five Year Tax Holiday,' for qualified industries which set themselves up in Nigeria."

The large Display of Nigeria's industries, and products, in the Government Building at the Exhibition, staffed with these members of the Nigerian Trade Mission, created real interest, both among the general public, and those who were interested in investment opportunities, and these visiting Nigerian Trade Officials met many of our Government and Industrial Officials while they were here. The Hon. Stanley Randall, Ontario's Minister for Economics and Development, was one of these. Very much interested, he has suggested a Pensioner's Corps to provide technical skills and administrative help for the African Nation of Nigeria, and he has intimated that he will ask the Federal Government to provide skilled Canadians to help in developing Nigerian Industry. It will indeed be interesting to see what actually does develop from the Official Visit to our Canadian National Exhibition, of the fourteen members of the Nigerian Trade Commission! But, in the meantime, what do you think the Chief Trade Officer for the Ministry of Trade for Midwestern Nigeria, very specially included among the souvenirs she took home with her from Canada? Mrs. Obiogun took back some saccharine, needed by her Father, and not always easy to obtain in his part of the country, and also some glue with which to mend some of her Mother's cherished China!

It was interesting to hear, too, that Midwestern Nigeria is doing a great deal herself, to train her own skilled workers. Many young Nigerians are becoming skilled engineers in different technical fields, and there are several large Trade Centres set up especially for the training of Nigerian boys, aged from 15 to 18 years, in very many different and much needed trades. These are full-time residential Courses, open to all boys of that Region, and these young apprentices are well trained in the most modern methods leading to first class craftsmanship. During these Courses, they learn all angles of the fundamentals of their craft, so that accuracy and skill are a real part of their workmanship and production. These are some of the Trades taught at these Centres—Motor Vehicle Mechanics; Electrical Installation; Sheet Metal Work and Panel Beating; Bricklayer-Mason; Carpenter-Joiner; General Welder; Fitter Machinist Work; Cabinet Making; Wood Working Machinist; Painter-Decorator.

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HOW OLD IS YOUR MIND?

"THE FEAR OF GROWING OLD can strike people at any age. And it does! The antidote for that fear will depend upon the individual — upon how interested that person is in keeping young, despite what the years may tell you. Age cannot truly be measured by your birthdays, you know. In the first place, biological time is not at all the same thing as calendar time! As the years pile up, biological time slows down; the older you are, the more slowly you age. Physically, you do not change as much from thirty to forty years, as you did from twenty-five to thirty years; not as much from 55 to 75 years, as you did from forty to fifty-five years!"

That is encouraging, isn't it? And these are the opinions of a noted Psychologist, whose book I read some time ago, so perhaps they are worth thinking about! He continues — "Another reason why the calendar furnishes a false clue to age, is that different parts of the body grow old at different times. Your eyes, believe it or not, began to age at ten; your hearing at thirty. You may not have been conscious of this, but, actually, it *was* happening. By thirty, your muscular strength, and your reaction time, have all passed their peak. But, on the other hand, your mind is still young, and growing, even when the calendar says you are fifty years old. After that, study and observation have proven, that, with normal men and women, actually mental powers and efficiency decline very slowly, even to the age of eighty!

Even at that age, you can be just as productive mentally, as you were at thirty — and you should certainly *know* a lot more! It is true that many older people do have some loss of memory and especially if they suffer ill health, but with normal health, it is a proven fact that creative imagination is really ageless. With every year we live, we develop more insight and perspective. Our judgement and reasoning powers improve with the very experience of living, and so, with an increasing wealth of experience, so does our strategy and wisdom in tackling tough problems improve. In short, we are constantly acquiring wisdom, and storing it up for future use. And if we are not, then it is by no means the fault of our minds — it is the fault of ourselves, in not exercising and making constant use of the good minds the Lord gave us! That is why the old Doctor, the veteran Lawyer, the experienced Craftsman, can usually hold his own against younger and more vigorous rivals.

Men and women who refuse to grow-up emotionally, are usually the first ones to grow old, and the real reason why, in later years, some people lapse into second childhood, is because they never really emerged from their first. I can give you a very simple formula for staying young! And here it is — simply concentrate on the part of you that is still young and growing — your brain! Keep your mind awake, and you will stay young all over! These are exciting times in which to live. Take a really keen interest in the world about you. Make a point of learning at least *one* new thing every day. Above all, never let yourself 'settle down' into a rut! Keep up with the newspapers, books, and magazines — all the doings of the world about you. Cultivate some creative hobby, preferably one that uses your hands, as well as your brain.

Regardless of your years, it is never too late to make your life more interesting. For instance, I know a housewife who, at fifty, and with no previous experience, made herself into an outstanding industrial Designer. I know a retired Electrical Engineer, who has become a very successful, and highly paid, Ceramic Artist. One of my clients — a woman of seventy, whose children thought she should retire to the shelf — now conducts a very popular Cooking School for Brides. And who does not know about Grandma Moses and her paintings, and the tremendous sale and demand for her primitive paintings? You can even go back to School, if you want to. Lots of older people do, in one way or another! I know a ninety-one-year-old woman who decided to take a Refresher Course at a nearby College, thoroughly enjoyed every moment of her time there, and passed her examinations with flying colours, at the end of her term.

It is *never* too late to add another skill to those you now possess. You just do not know what you *can* accomplish, until you try! Irrespective of years, staying young is easy for those who live in the future. You *can* do this, if you care enough to try, and the way will be opened up for you, if you look for it earnestly enough. Keep your mind awake and active — that is the only Youth Elixir which is guaranteed to work!"

(From the Editor's Treasure Box.)

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* celebrated their 36th Anniversary with a Tea at the Manse. Guests were received by Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, and Mrs. Magee, who is an Auxiliary Charter Member, and in her 31st year as President. Charter Member, Mrs. W. Steele, and Mrs. J. McLeod, former President of *Manitoba* Synodical, now member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, presided at the Tea table. Guests were present from other Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial, including Mrs. W. Kennedy, Presbyterial Secretary for Afternoon W.M.S. Groups.

At the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* President, Mrs. W. W. Stewart presided, and Mrs. W. G. Robertson introduced Mrs. Rose, of *Korea,* the Guest Speaker. Coloured slides of *Korea,* illustrated her interesting Address. Mrs. W. M. Walker conducted the Devotional Period and Mr. Lord was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. M. Bayley. A Life Membership Certificate and Pin were presented to Mrs. Gwen Billington. The Rev. N. G. Robertson gave the Benediction, after which a Social Hour was enjoyed.

The Executive of *British Columbia* Synodical gave a Farewell Tea at the home of Mrs. G. M. Ledingham in honour of President, Mrs. Ivan LeHuguet, whose home is now near *Toronto, Ontario.* It was with deep regret that her resignation, as President, was accepted, and a farewell gift carried the good wishes and appreciation of all members of this Synodical.

Mrs. G. M. Ledingham was unanimously elected as President at the Fall Executive Meeting of *British Columbia* Synodical, with Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean and Mrs. N. G. Robertson. The Meeting opened with Bible Study conducted by Miss Tamiko Nakamura, newly-appointed Regional Secretary for *British Columbia.* A Panel Discussion "The Public Image of the W.M.S.—As Others See Us"—was held. Questionnaires had been sent to a number of non-W.M.S. Groups preceding this Meeting, and the answers to these questions were discussed by the Panelists, and in the Open Discussion Period.

Interesting Reports were given by Mrs. Basey and Miss Douglas on the Pacific Northwest Missionary Conference, and Mrs. Ledingham reported on the meetings of the General Board of Missions, which she had attended. Each Presbyterial agreed to make specific Mission Fields, at Home and Overseas, a matter of special concern, both through prayer and correspondence. Plans were made for Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, to visit each of the four Presbyterials where she had been so well known and loved, when she was Regional Secretary for *British Columbia.*

"Mission, the Christian's Calling" was the Theme of the Annual Rally of Westminster Presbyterial, held in Whalley Presbyterian Church, *North Surrey,* with First Vice-President, Mrs. D. Choquette presiding at both Sessions, due to the recent death of the Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. J. Thorpe. Tribute to Mrs. Thorpe was presented by Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, and the Devotional Period was led by the Rev. Robert J. P. Foulis, of *North Surrey.* Study Groups brought in Reports of the Annual Council Meetings in *Toronto*; from W.M.S. Training Centres; and from the Pacific Northwest Missionary Conference. Following the Luncheon, served by the ladies of *Whalley* Presbyterian Church, Reports were presented by the W.M.S. Groups of the *Fraser Valley* Presbyterian Churches.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, in appreciation of her many years of service and guidance to this Group. The Guest Speaker, Dr. W. O. Nugent, D.D., of *Abbotsford,* Superintendent of Missions for *British Columbia,* gave an interesting address on the *Yukon* and the *Canadian North,* and showed excellent pictures of Presbyterian Mission Work there.

This Presbyterial was privileged to have Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, in its area from November 23rd to 28th. During that time, her itinerary took Miss Nutt to seven different Churches, where she presented the new Study Packet, and also held Bible Study Workshops. At the close of this tour a Tea was held in honour of Miss Nutt, so that she might meet with the Leaders and former C.G.I.T. members.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Convened by Mrs. Peter Bath, a "Formosan Centenary Tea", and Bake Sale, was held by this Presbyterial in St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* when guests were received by Presbyterial President, Mrs. H. E. Magnuson, and Mrs. W. H.

Henry, Vice-President of Alberta Synodical, assisted by Presbyterial Vice-Presidents Mrs. K. C. Doka and Mrs. E. C. Benner. The 100th Anniversary "In Memoriam" book of the Synodical of *Alberta,* in charge of Miss Jean McLagan, was a feature of the afternoon, and the Literature Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Scott, presented an interesting and comprehensive Book Display. Mrs. Alex Stephens supervised the Home Cooking Table, with Mrs. John McIntosh in charge of the kitchen. Presiding at the tea-table were Mrs. Murdo Nicolson; Mrs. D. Ralph MacDonald; Mrs. G. A. Hadjiantoniou; Mrs. Hugh Lindsay Simpson; Mrs. Kingsley E. King; Mrs. K. C. Doka. The Treasurer was Mrs. C. D. Ogilvie, Presbyterial Treasurer. The Planning Committee was Mrs. Duncan Ballantyne; Mrs. Agnes Nicolson; Miss Maisie McChesney; Mrs. H. N. Foster; Mrs. A. P. Forrester; Mrs. Henry De Vrye; Mrs. Frank Matyas; Mrs. Elizabeth Juhasz; Mrs. J. M. McNerney; Mrs. Scott Sinclair; Mrs. C. R. MacNeven.

The Open Meeting of the Autumn, of the W.M.S. Group of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* was chaired by Mrs. Harvey Smith, who read Psalm 104, "The Old Covenant Psalm", and commented on its relation to our lives. Miss Grace Hillocks read an Article, published in the Calgary News Telegram of 1906, which reported the First Anniversary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary.* The Rev. F. Bacon Hillocks, of *Banff,* the Guest Speaker for this 59th Anniversary Meeting, spoke on "Earth's Duty", and pointed out how much could be accomplished, by even a few dedicated people. Mrs. J. H. Jamieson was Soloist, and also read "High Lights"—news and views of World Church events.

At a recent Meeting of this Group, Mrs. Wm. Jamieson gave an informative Paper on *Nigeria,* based on their work and observations while she and her husband were stationed there.

Earlier in the season, members and friends of Group Two and Three, of this Church, were entertained at a Garden Party at the home of Mrs. Wm. Buchan.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of Alberta Synodical was held in *Calgary,* in October, with President, Mrs. G. Milson, presiding, and Miss Catherine Thomson conducting the Devotional Period. Following brief reports from Presbyterial Presidents, Miss Barbara Woodruff, and Miss May Nutt, conducted a Session with Synodical Secretaries, who reported trends, and suggested ways in which the Secretaries might help, and be helped.

The Rev. C. Rodger Talbot, recently of *Japan,* spoke of the highlights in Overseas Missions in 1965, and particularly of the Korean Christian Church of *Japan.* The new Study—"Mission, the Christian's Calling"—was introduced in an interesting and helpful way by Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the

Adult Department, and Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, Alberta Synodical.

Reports were given by Mrs. Wm. Henry on the Annual Council Meeting last May; by Miss Barbara Woodruff, on her work as Regional Secretary; and a report was read on the W.M.S. Training Centre held in *Calgary,* last July. At 4 P.M., the Delegates and visitors attended the Synod Meeting to hear Synodical President, Mrs. Milson, give the President's Report. During the day, Mrs. J. D. Scott, Literature Secretary for *Calgary* Presbyterial had an excellent display of books, which received interested attention. Mrs. Wm. Henry, Synodical Vice-President, gave the closing remarks, and the prayer, which brought to a close one of the most helpful and interesting Semi-Annual Meetings held in some years.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Girls and Leaders were present from First Presbyterian Church, *Regina;* Knox Presbyterian Church, *Weyburn;* St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Swift Current;* and Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* when the Teen-Age Girls' Rally was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* last October. Welcome was extended by the Rev. P. Ruddell, B.A., B.D., Minister of Knox Church; Mrs. E. Moir, Presbyterial Vice-President; Mrs. D. Findlair, Presbyterial Secretary for Girls' Organizations.

A Bible Study on "Girls' Good News", was led by Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, who also showed a film strip on *"Indonesia"*. Miss May Nutt, *Toronto,* Assistant in the Adult Department, gave an interesting introduction to this year's Mission Study, and a Report from Camp Council was presented by Margorie Campbell, *Swift Current.* Games were led by the *Weyburn* Group. A Play, "The Case of the Mutilated Uniform", was put on by the C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw.* The *Swift Current* Group conducted the Closing Worship Service, led by Miss Cheryl Bendick, and with the Meditation and Prayer given by Miss Marilyn Findlay. Ushers were Coleen MacMillan and Janis Murdoch.

Members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Swift Current,* travelled a distance of 60 miles to *Abber,* to hold their Fall Thank-Offering Meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Evans, one of the oldest W.M.S. members in this district. Although now 88 years old, Mrs. Evans is still a faithful contributor through St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary.

A Service of Thanksgiving included the reading of Psalm No.

103; a responsive prayer; and a Study on "Witnessing for Christ in Today's World". The Meeting closed with the singing of Mrs. Evans' favourite Hymn—"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me".

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — Members of this Presbyterial, during the Fall months, planned to visit all W.M.S. Groups in their area, speaking on the following topics — "Relationships" (in and to Presbyterial, reporting, financial responsibility, etc.;) "Visitation;" (Welcome and Welfare, Home Helpers, "Glad Tidings");"Programming", — (Meeting Agendas, Programme Building). Despite weather difficulties, *Yorkton, Kipling, Stoughton, Estevan, Indian Head,* and *Qu'Appelle,* and Groups in the *Regina* Churches were all visited. Miss May Nutt, who was in this Presbyterial, accompanied the team to *Stoughton,* and gave a Thank-Offering message following the Team Presentation. *Indian Head* and *Qu'Appelle* Groups met together at *Indian Head,* in order to reduce the mileage of the visiting Team.

Questionnaires, completed by the Groups visited, showed a similar reaction—a better understanding of the structure, aims, and purposes of the W.M.S.; a new concept of the place of Home Helpers in the Society; the desire for another visit soon. The ten members of the Presbyterial Visiting Team feel that they, themselves, benefitted doubly —enjoying fellowships with members who do not come to Annual Meetings; called to new alertness by information and knowledge received from each Group; a more personal feeling toward their own Office, because of knowing something about the Groups with whom they correspond; and a spiritual uplift which was above price.

The Ruby Walker Guild of Northside Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* entertained the other *Regina* W.M.S. Groups at their Thank - Offering Meeting. The Thanksgiving Programme, prepared by Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon for the October 1963 "Glad Tidings" was presented, and this was followed by a Worship Service given by Mrs. H. R. Boon, Mrs. M. C. Marhsall, and Mrs. G. E. Duncan. Miss May Nutt, assistant in the Adult Department, *Toronto,* showed an interesting film-strip on the two-faceted nature of our Faith; how it relates to the individual; how the individual relates it to his world. During the Coffee Period, Miss Nutt gave a vivid description of her recent trip to the Mission Field of British Guiana.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Sponsored by this Presbyterial, and guests of the Mary and Martha W.M.S. Group, an Evening Meeting was held in Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* when Miss May Nutt, of *Toronto,* Assistant in the Adult Department, was Guest Speaker, and directed a Bible Study based on the theme — "Concern for Others". This was followed by slides of *British Gui-*

ana, where this concern is demonstrated in action, and where Miss Nutt had attended a Colony-wide Conference of Women last April, in order to help them in their Programe Planning.

While Miss Nutt was in the *Saskatoon* area, she met with the Presbyterial Adult Secretaries, in *Rosetown,* to discuss the work of Promotion. She was also Guest Speaker at a Girls' Rally in *North Battleford,* with girls in attendance from Parkview, Calvin, Goforth and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches, *Saskatoon,* and also from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *North Battleford, Glenbush, Sandwith,* and *Wilkie.*

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL—Prior to her departure with her husband, the Rev. Malcolm McQuaig, B.D., from *Carberry, Manitoba,* to *Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island,* Mrs. McQuaig was presented with a W.M.S. Life Membership Certificate, by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* in recognition of the esteem in which she was held by them. Responding to the Presentation Address, Mrs. McQuaig, expressing her appreciation, said that this gift to her would always be an inspiration to serve the W.M.S., and its far-spread Mission work, faithfully, wherever she might be.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* the Guest Speaker, the Rev. W. B. Armitage, spoke about the three levels of thanksgiving and gratitude —first, the lips; second, the hands; third, the heart. Mr. Fred McKay conducted the Devotional Period, and Mrs. A. E. Hepinstall was Soloist. President Mrs. J. A. Andrews, presided, and Mrs. A. M. Thompson and her Committee were in charge of refreshments.

Mrs. I. L. Jackson, of *Virden,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* when visitors were present from *Boissevain, Kemnay,* and *Virden,* as well as *Brandon.* Mrs. C. E. McFadyen, of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* was in charge of Devotions, and Miss Roberta George was Guest Soloist. Others taking part in the Service were Mrs. Edith Leeson, Mrs. Fred McKay, Mrs. T. L. Black, Mrs. D. S. Paterson, and Mrs. Angus Kellie. At the Fellowship Hour following the Service, refreshments were served by Mrs. M. F. Young, assisted by Mrs. Cecil Roberts, Miss George, Mrs. Black, and Mrs. Leeson.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. H. T. Johnston, President, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St.

Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* held in Grant Hall of the Church. In memory of the late Mrs. J. (Sarah) Collin, one minute of Silence was observed, and Mrs. A. M. Cameron and Miss Mary Hogarth read the Scripture portion. Mrs. A. H. McEwen was pianist. The Rev. Lois Wilson, recently ordained Minister of the United Church of *Canada,* was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. A. H. Johnston thanked Mrs. Wilson for her inspiring message. Secretarial Reports were received, and a Social Hour followed the Meeting, with Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie and Mrs. James Shanks in charge.

Superior Presbyterial held the Fall Rally in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort Frances, Ontario,* with delegates attending from *Geraldton, Port Arthur, Fort William,* and *Atikokan.* The Theme was "Stewardship", based on Luke 12—Verse 34, and the Opening Devotions were given by *Fort Frances* members—Mrs. J. McKerrecher read the Scripture, and Mrs. W. Marsh led in prayer. The President, Mrs. G. McDougall, welcomed guests, and Mrs. C. W. Cook gave an interesting Literature Report, and outlined the Study for the year—"Mission, The Christian's Calling." The Discussion on "Reports and Finances" was convened by Mrs. R. Hillier, Presbyterial Treasurer, and Mrs. J. C. Hood, who was the Delegate to 1965 Council Meetings. Miss Martine Van Beek, newly-appointed Regional Secretary for *Manitoba,* was in charge of the Question and Answer Period. The Address on "Christian Stewardship" was given by Miss Van Beek, who also closed this Session with prayer.

Lunch was served by the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort Frances,* and Dinner was provided by the ladies of St. John's Anglican Church. The Rev. S. J. Kennedy, M.A., of *Fort Frances* said Grace, and Mrs. W. Marsh, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort Frances,* welcomed the guests. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. G. McDougall replied, on behalf of the delegates. Mrs. J. C. Hood, gave the "highlights" of the Annual Council Meeting held in Ewart College, *Toronto, Ontario,* last May. The Evening Worship Service was conducted by the *Atikokan* members. Mrs. J. Campbell read the Scripture and Mrs. J. Douglas spoke on the lesson "Christ for The World." Among those present were Mrs. J. Dunn, whose husband is Superintendant of *Kenora* Fellowship House, and Mrs. J. Carson, whose husband is the Missionary on the *School Lake Indian Reserve, Manitoba.* The Courtesies Report was given by Mrs. W. Murray, *Fort William,* and Mrs. J. Burns, *Geraldton.*

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* presented a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to Mrs. Jean McIntosh, at a

Morning Service in the Church, when Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, Presbyterial President presented the Pin to Mrs. McIntosh, and the presentation of the Life Membership Certificate was made by the Auxiliary President, Miss E. Whittaker. Mrs. McIntosh, a faithful W.M.S. Auxiliary member for many years, has served her Auxiliary as Treasurer for over fifteen years.

Mrs. Cormack Smith was recently honoured by the Senior Auxiliary of Old Kildonan Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* with the presentation of an Honorary Membership, in appreciation of her loyal and unfailing service to this Auxiliary and to the work of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, at all levels, over a period of approximately thirty-eight years. In the Presentation Address, warm mention was made of all her personal kindnesses given throughout these years — the generous use of her home and her car, her always-ready "helping hand", her steadfast inspiration, her guidance, and untiring service wherever needed.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Clare Norman, *Kincardine,* told of her wonderful experience in attending the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of *Formosa,* when she was Guest Speaker at the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton.* President, Miss T. Robertson presided, and Mrs. F. Rowand and Mrs. George Sillers took part in the Programme. Mrs. E. W. Krampp, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented a corsage to the speaker. Visitors were present from *Glammis, Paisley,* and neighbouring Churches in *Walkerton.*

Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, of *Hamilton,* an active member of Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting, when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Westminster* Presbyterian Church held their Fall Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church. Representatives from *Bruce* and *Owen Sound* Presbyterial, and the local Churches, were present. Mrs. Rodger Hood presided, and Mrs. H. Clark of Lovat Home Helpers was Organist. Mrs. Ronald Irving was Soloist, and the Worship Service was given by Miss M. McRea, Miss M. E. Boyle, and Miss J. Scott. Mrs. H. G. Funston introduced the Speaker, who spoke of the sacrifices of our missionaries in many lands, and stressed the fact that they are the responsibility of the home Churches and Church Women. Mrs. H. Birrell, of *Pinkerton,* thanked Mrs. McCutcheon, and lunch was served by the *Westminster* W.M.S. Auxiliary, assisted by the Young Women's Evening Auxiliary.

The Third Annual W.M.S. Rally of *Bruce* and *Owen Sound* Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Tiverton,* with President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, presiding, and speaking on the Rally Motto, "Ourselves for Christ". Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Bruce McKinnon. Mrs. H. Nugent, of the Manse, *Chatsworth,* reviewed the new Study Book and, handing out a Questionnaire — "Do You Know Your Society?"—presented a concise history of the W.M.S.

Mrs. H. G. Funston, of *Paisley,* and Mrs. Nugent, directed a Work shop on "Officers' Duties and Procedures". Group Leaders brought back various recommendations on how these duties could best be carried out, and an open Discussion followed. "A Fun Time Period", followed Dinner, served by the Ladies Aid of *Tiverton* Presbyterian Church, and the outstanding feature of the Afternoon Session was the showing of two films—"Let's Meet Doreen" and "Strangers in Their Own Land"—both on Indian Work. Mrs. John Bell, of *Walkerton* Manse, gave the Commentary, and also told of her own experience in teaching the Indians of *Caugnawaga Reserve,* near *Montreal.* Mrs. W. K. Robinson closed the Meeting with Prayer.

Guests from *Port Elgin, Dunblane,* and *Southampton* joined members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Burgoyne,* for their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church, when the Rev. C. Hunter, of *Southampton,* was Guest Speaker. President Mrs. Bruce Esplen, opened the Meeting with a Reading, and the Worship Service was given by Miss E. D. Burgess and Mrs. C. E. Fisher. The Rev. Mr. Fisher was the Minister of this Church until his retirement a few years ago, and he and Mrs. Fisher were welcome guests as they renewed acquaintances at *Burgoyne.* A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Bluevale,* held their Fall Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church, with the ladies of *Bluevale* United Church and of *Lucknow* Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, the Special Guests. President, Mrs. Bill Robertson, gave the Opening Devotional, and welcomed guests, and the Roll Call was answered by an interesting item on *Formosa.* Miss Sadie Johnston, of *Lucknow,* gave a Reading, "Count Your Blessings" and Mrs. W. Willits was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. G. Mitchell. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Burns Moffatt and Mrs. Bernard Thomas. Introduced by Mrs. R. J. McMurray, the Guest Speaker was Miss Dorothy Douglas, recently retired Missionary from *Formosa,* where she has served the W.M.S. for 37 years, during which she has seen great changes on the Island, and great improvements in the lives of the people. Mrs. Keith Moffatt thanked the Speaker, and presented a token of appreciation from the Auxiliary. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

Sectional Meetings of this Presbyterial were held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ethel*, and in *Kinlough* Presbyterian Church. At *Ethel,* Mrs. Alvin Mundell, of *Belmore*, presided, and Mrs. Mel Ritchie, of *Kincardine*, presided at *Kinlough.* Devotions at *Ethel* were conducted by Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Snider, and Mrs. Alex Steiss, of *Cranbrook* W.M.S. Auxiliary; at *Kinlough* by Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Mrs. Gassel, and Mrs. D. MacLeod. Mrs. T. English, *Wingham,* reported on the W.M.S. Training School at *Belleville,* and Mrs. A. S. Curr spoke on our need to be Christians every day in the week — not just on Sundays. The Afternoon Guest Speaker was Miss Clare Norman of *Kincardine,* who gave an interesting account of her trip to *Taiwan,* and her participation in the Celebrations of the 100th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church of *Formosa.* Mrs. Howard Harris, of *Molesworth,* presented the Study Book for 1966 and suggested different and interesting ways of using it. A Social Hour followed each Meeting.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Corunna,* celebrated recently the 60th Anniversary of its re-organization. Mrs. Hazel Murray, following the Worship Period, gave a brief Auxiliary History, noting that it was actually organized in 1892, but later disbanded, until, in 1905, with the help of Miss Brebner and Mrs. Torvers, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia,* this Auxiliary was re-organized, as it is today. Miss Pam Thomson, of the C.G.I.T., conducted a short Candle-Lighting Ceremony — one candle lighted in gratitude for the Gospel, one, in memory of departed members; one to honour all Missionaries at home and abroad. Synodical President, Mrs. R. S. Burnham brought greetings from Hamilton and London Synodical, and Mrs. Allan Neal brought greetings from Sarnia Presbyterial. Mrs. A. S. Curr, W.M.S. President, who represented the Society at the Centennial Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker, and brought a thrilling picture of that Church and its good Christian people, of her trip through the Island Beautiful, and personal contacts with fellow Presbyterians there. Following the Benediction by the Rev. D. G. Kemble, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Curr greeted the guests at the Social Hour in the Church Hall. Mrs. Lillian Cruikshank, a long-time Auxiliary member, cut the Anniversary cake, and refreshments were served by the C.G.I.T. Group, and their Leader.

The 30th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial Church, *Sarnia,* was held in the Youth Centre, with President, Mrs. G. Moore, presiding, and the Devotional Period conducted by Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. G. Hardwick and Mrs. R. B. James. Greetings were brought by the Rev. George Young, from Session and Board of Managers; Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and Mrs. R. S. Burnham, Synodical President. Mrs. Allan Neal, Presbyterial President, told of her trip to *England, Scotland* and *Ireland,* and Mrs. H. Briton and Mrs. D. McKellar were Soloists. Mrs. R. Miller gave the Auxiliary History. Mrs. W. L. Smith, Welcome and Welfare Secretary for 30 years, was honoured with a corsage, presented by Mrs. M. Cook. Mrs. A. Gauley, Mrs. A. Drope, Mrs. R. Sevenfifer, and Mrs. J. A. Smith were in charge of the tea-table, which was centred by the Birthday Cake, and pink candles, in crystal holders. In charge of refreshments were Miss D. Shaw, Mrs. M. Cook, Mrs. W. Duncan, Mrs. J. Armstrong, and Mrs. F. Carrol.

A 75th Anniversary was celebrated by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Guthrie Presbyterian Church, *Alvinston,* in October, when Mrs. D. C. McTavish, President for 13 years, presided, and the Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. G. A. Gordier, and Mrs. A. W. Yost. Mrs. Warren Munro read the Auxiliary History, written by Mrs. Keith Armstrong, and noting that Mrs. Donald Reader was Group Treasurer, for 32 years; Mrs. John Vosbourg was Secretary for 19 years; and Mrs. Mark Burford served on the *Sarnia* Presbyterial as Glad Tidings Secretary for 10 years, and, in 1944, was instrumental in organizing a Young Women's W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Guest Speaker was Mrs. Denton Taylor, whose Father was Minister of this Church from 1912 to 1921. Mrs. Taylor brought a stirring challenge to present-day W.M.S. women, and was thanked by Mrs. Robert Tait.

Among the many visitors present were Mrs. A. G. Neal, Presbyterial President; the Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Gordier, of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, *London,* a former Minister of this Church, and friends from *Kilmartin* and other neighbouring Churches. The Offering was presented on brass Offering Plates, given by the Kerr family, in memory of their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kerr. Mrs. Albert Kerr, of *Brigden,* a daughter-in-law, formerly of *Alvinston,* was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Hill, who presided at this pipe organ when it was dedicated in 1924. The present Minister, the Rev. H. L. Jost, Th.B., closed the Meeting with Prayer, and lunch was served by the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Church.

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NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — "Anniversary Challenges" was the Theme of the Address given by Mrs. Paul Newton, of *Whitby, Ontario,* when she was Guest Speaker at the 35th Anniversary Dinner of Christine Maxwell W.M.S. Auxiliary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *North Bay*. Mrs. Newton, a Past President of Synodical, and a former member of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *North Bay* and the Christine Maxwell W.M.S. Auxiliary, was introduced by Mrs. Lloyd MacKay, and at the conclusion of her Address, Mrs. J. Newbegin presented a gift to her, on behalf of the Auxiliary. The Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Young, Mrs. Ann McGinnis, and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bailey, greeted guests as they arrived—members, former members, Home Helpers and their husbands, and the many guests from *Toronto, Whitby, Sturgeon Falls, Sudbury,* and *Magnetawan.* Miss Jean Stewart, Anniversary Chairman, welcomed all present, and following the Buffet Dinner, a Devotional Period was conducted, with Mr. C. Steele reading the Scripture, and prayer by J. Rooke. Auxiliary President, Mrs. McGinnis spoke briefly; Greetings were extended by Mrs. G. Bailey, *North Bay,* Presbyterial President. Mr. Bob Nicoll sang twice, accompanied by Mrs. R. Ackroyd.

A Highlight of the evening was the presentation of two Life Membership Certificates — to Mrs. R. Holman, presented by Mrs. P. J. O'Neil, and to Miss Jean Stewart, presented by Mrs. C. Steele. A Life Membership Pin was presented to Mrs. A. C. Young, by Mrs. Henry Amos, in recognition of her untiring work in her Church and Auxiliary throughout the years.

At Dinner, the Rev. G. H. King, Secretary of the Leper Society, *Toronto,* was introduced, and spoke on the work of this Society. A film on the life of a small leper girl was also shown. Mrs. J. Leckie thanked the Speaker, who closed the evening of fellowship with prayer.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—Two Life Membership Certificates and gold Pins were presented at a recent Meeting of the Emily S. Douglas W.M.S. Auxiliary of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church, *Clarkson.* The Presentations were made by the Honorary President, Mrs. Emily S. Douglas, and Mrs. O. Parkin, and the Pins were presented to the first President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Don MacLennan, and the second President. Guest Speakers were the Rev. and Mrs. Rodger Talbot, on furlough from *Japan,* where they work with the Koreans in *Japan.* Mr. Talbot spoke on the work in the Korean

Christian Church of *Japan,* and Mrs. Talbot, wearing the beautiful kimona made for her by a Korean woman before she left *Japan,* told of the home life of these people, and the difficult situation they find themselves in because citizenship is denied them by *Japan,* and they are restricted in so many ways, both educationally and economically. Mrs. James Goldes introduced the Speakers, and Mrs. A. Coxhead expressed the appreciation of the Meeting.

The C.G.I.T. Group, Children of the Church, Explorers, Junior and Intermediate Choir members, and their parents, were special guests at the Thank-Offering Dinner held by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Alderwood* Presbyterian Church. At the conclusion of the dinner, President, Mrs. Mitchum, introduced the head table guests — the Rev. and Mrs. Rumball, from Logan Geggie Memorial Church; the Rev. and Mrs. Tomlinson, from Alderwood Presbyterian Church; West Toronto Presbyterial President, Mrs. S. A. Milne; Presbyterial Supply Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Joyce; Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E., on furlough from the *Jhansi Field* in *India.*

Following dinner, Mrs. Milne spoke briefly on the theme "Thanksgiving", and the Junior and Intermediate Choirs sang several selections. The Guest Speaker, Miss Wadsworth, showed interesting slides of the children, and the work carried on at the Helen MacDonald Memorial School, and in her Address, told of the progress in education made at the School, and the well-rounded programme of studies and residential life at this School. The children are taught to cook and sew, and those who can are allowed to go home for holidays, while those whose homes are too far distant to permit this, are taken on short trips by the teachers during holiday time. Miss Wadsworth had brought with her several dolls dressed in the costumes, distinctive of the different districts of India, and these created much interest. The Rev. W. E. P. Rumball, B.A., closed the Programme with the Benediction.

The Christmas Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was in charge of Mrs. O. J. Davies' Group, with President Mrs. R. P. McLean presiding, and assisting in the Programme. This Meeting began with an enjoyable Dessert Luncheon, when members and guests enjoyed the delicious Christmas puddings, especially made by Group Leader, Mrs. Davies, who, unfortunately, because of illness, was unable to be present at the Meeting. In her absence, the President and Mrs. DeCastro welcomed members and guests at the door. The Christmas Worship Service, prepared by Mrs. F. Black, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, for the December "Glad Tidings" was conducted by President, Mrs. R. P.

McLean, Mrs. DeCastro and Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, with all present participating in the unison readings. Mrs. Shirley Ward, of Parkdale Presbyterian Choir, led in the singing of specially-chosen Carols, and Mrs. Wright was Accompanist. Following the Secretarial Reports and brief business session, Mrs. DeCastro, dressed in her lovely East Indian costume of *British Guiana,* gave a most interesting Address on "Christmas Customs in British Guiana." The Rev. Charles Boyd, B.A. Minister of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, conducted the Installation of Officers for 1966, with Mrs. R. P. McLean, elected to her second term as President.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* celebrated an 80th Anniversary, last October, when the Guest Speaker was the Rev. Howard McIlveen, B.D. of Evangel Hall, *Toronto.* Vice-President, Mrs. M. MacDonald, presided, due to the illness of President, Mrs. Farlinger, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. I. Kinkaid and Mrs. A. Renolds. A brief history of this Auxiliary was given by Miss Gladys Bayne, niece of the first President, and Mr. Gordon Thom was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. G. M. Goreel. Two Honorary Members, Mrs. L. Kinkaid and Mrs. E. Jones, presided at the Tea Table. Mrs. E. Merkley cut the beautifully-decorated Anniversary Cake, which was a gift from the Misses Sadie and Jane Dillon, in memory of their Mother, Mrs. J. Dillon.

The Rev. Harry S. Rodney, D.D., of *St. Thomas,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Winchester,* and the Musical Programme was contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Robertson, of *Winchester.* At this Meeting, Mrs. R. J. Empey received an Honorary Membership Certificate, and her two daughters presented her with the bar for her W.M.S. Life Membership Pin. Mrs. Empey presented an In Memoriam, in memory of her sister, the late Miss Eula Currie, of *Preston.* A Social Hour followed the Meeting.

Mrs. Hector MacMillan, of *Avonmore,* formerly a Missionary, with her husband, in the *Congo,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Chesterville.* She gave a splendid word-picture of conditions in the *Congo,* where her husband made the supreme sacrifice of his life. Mrs. MacMillan still hopes that some day she and her six sons will be able to return there to continue God's work in that land. Mrs. Wm. Lansabeer was Soloist. Guests were present from all the neighbourhood Churches, and joined in the fellowship of the Social Hour which followed.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. A. Barton presided when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vankleek Hill,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church, and Mrs. L. Reay, Port Receptionist in *Montreal* was Guest Speaker. Explaining her duties, the Speaker told how all the Churches work together to help the immigrant, who is arriving in a strange land. Devotionals were given by Mrs. C. Wharry, Mrs. J. A. MacGowan, and Mrs. H. Johnston. The Musical Programme, with Mrs. D. S. MacPheel, L.Mus., McGill, at the organ, included a Choir Selection, a two-part Chorus descant by Mrs. A. Mooney, and a Solo, "How Great Thou Art". Poems were read by Mrs. Mack MacCuaig and Mrs. H. Johnston. Mrs. D. A. MacRae thanked the Speaker, and a Social Hour followed.

The Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, *Ingleside,* was held in the Church Parlour, with the Vice-President of District I, as Guest Speaker. Mrs. MacIver, speaking on "Thanksgiving", enlarged on the word "Thanks," and gave a very instructive and challenging Address.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — When the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Crescent and Kensington Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* held their Annual Meeting, the Rev. C. J. MacKay, D.D. presided and installed the Officers for 1966 — Honorary President, Mrs. Clifton J. MacKay; Past President, Mrs. Norman Sealk; President, Mrs. A. J. Mearns; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. F. H. Denuth; Mrs. John Stewart; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Norman Seath; Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Gobbett.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — There was a large registration at the Semi-Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Richmond,* in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church. Mrs. F. M. Mooney, President of *Ottawa* Presbyterial, presided at the Morning Session, with Mrs. A. R. G. Emslie, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Richmond,* presiding at the Afternoon Session. Presbyterial Secretaries and Treasurers gave their Reports, and President, Mrs. Mooney, reported the Annual Council Meetings. The Theme of the Meeting was "The Lord has been mindful of us, He will bless us." Miss Louise Reith, M.A. Executive Director of Organization, was Guest Speaker. The Annual "Scholarship Tea" of this Presbyterial was held at the home of Mrs. G. Scott Murray. Proceeds from this Tea are used to further the education of a High School student in *India.*

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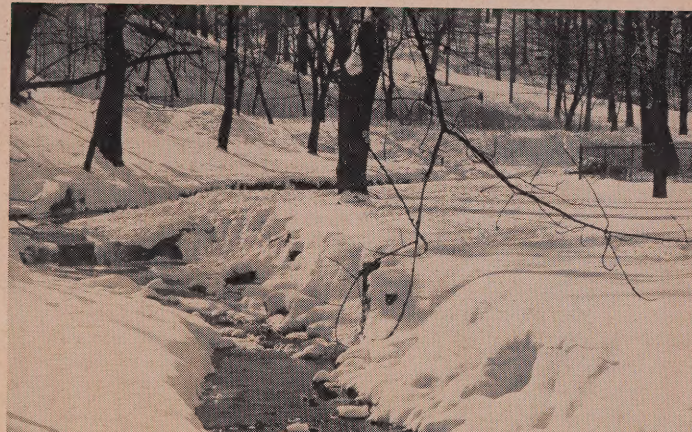

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Who sees beyond the cold and snow,
And hears a song when March winds blow—
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Are wakening earth to Spring's sweet embrace!
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WHEN WE CONFRONT THE YEAR AHEAD!

SHOULD WE, as Christians, be glibly optimistic? Should we, as people of faith, just say — "God will not let me, as a person, or us as a nation, face disaster this year?" That is ostrich-ism, not "faith"!

We, whose faith centres in the One who was crucified, know only too well that human sin has the most disastrous effects, and that it is not only the "wicked" who suffer; it is the innocent also. We, who have known what Jesus went through in the Garden of Gethsemane, and in the darkness upon the Cross, know only too well that God is often most powerfully at work just at the point when He seems to be absent — when you cry out "I just can't face it — let this cup pass from me!" And when you cry, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

There are times when His guidance is clear. There are times when it is not. We must not think that if we lead a God-guided life everything will always turn out easily for us. Yet God *does* work things out in our lives, even though it may appear to be in apparent confusion.

A God-guided life is the only answer to the complications of modern life. The world has become too complicated for human intelligence alone. We must develop the readiness to be guided — real "meekness". We must be regularly at the places where God's guidance may come — the Bible; prayer; worship; and in our Church, where we find the company of others who believe as we do. Otherwise, we may miss His orders; His rebuke; or His enlightening.

These are some Bible passages which throw light on all of this —

In Psalm 46 — Verses 1-3, we find a faith for a world which may be plunged at any moment into incredible chaos. Read and memorize these — say them to yourself over and over again —

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Indeed this whole Psalm is a singing bulwark of our Faith!

In Psalm 119, we find verses 33-40, which express the frame of mind which allows God to guide us. We do not need to see ahead, ourselves, when we know that God is guiding our lives —

"Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way. Stablish Thy word unto Thy servant, who is devoted to Thy fear. Turn away my reproach which I fear, for Thy judgements are good. Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts, quicken me in Thy righteousness."

In Romans 8, we find verses 35-39, which express our faith, as we face a mad world, having taken our heads well out of the sand—

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For Thy sake, we are killed all the day long; we are accounted sheep for the slaughter'. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come; nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In Hebrews 11, the whole Chapter is filled with the glory of faith and trust.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped-for, the evidence of things not seen. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." And in Proverbs 29-verse 25, we read, "The fear of man bringeth a snare, but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Let us take this prayer with us in our hearts, as we go into the months to come—

"Lord God, my Refuge and my Strength, I go into the future in Thy name, under Thy guidance. I do not ask for an easy time, but I ask for strength to turn everything that happens into a victory of faith. I dare to ask that by the end of the year, I shall be more Christ-like than I am now. I leave the rest to Thee. Amen."

(From the Editor's Treasure Box. Originally from "Life and Work," the Church of Scotland Magazine)

PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, we come to Thee, believing that Thou art able and willing to grant the earnest petitions which we offer at Thy throne of grace. Thou art great, and high, and holy, but we thank Thee that through the life and sacrifice of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, we may approach Thy mercy seat, and find grace to help in every hour of need.

We would pray for ourselves, because we know that if we are not inspired by love for Thee, all the work we do, all the words we speak, will profit us nothing. Holy Spirit, wilt Thou come into our hearts, and drive out whatever is holding us back from true service. Make us willing, worthy, and ready, to have our prayers answered.

Our Father, we pray for our Church, in all her interests, wherever she may be striving to make known the wonder of Thy love, and Thy message of salvation. Fill Thy Ministers with such a desire for saving souls, that they will preach the Gospel so lovingly, and so convincingly, that men, women, and children too, will be drawn to yield themselves to Thee.

We would ask for a special blessing for Thy servants, who are serving Thee in the many far-away places of this troubled world. Thou knowest the many hardships of their lives. Wilt Thou be very near to every Missionary, Teacher, Nurse, and Doctor, witnessing for Thee in our own homeland, and help them, always, according to their need. We would pray, especially, for our own Workers, and all others, who are representing Thy Church in the lands beyond the seas. In their times of perplexity and despondency, help them to remember Thine own promise, given with the commission to preach the Gospel — "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Holy Spirit, wilt Thou be with us in our meetings, and our plannings for the furtherance of Thy Kingdom here on earth. Give us understanding and wisdom in the decisions we must make, and grant that all we do may be in accordance with Thy mind and will. These blessings we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

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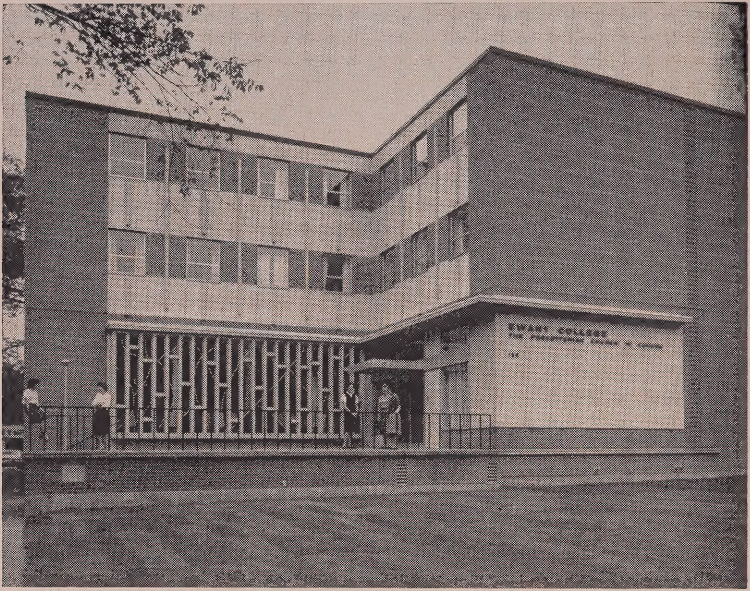

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The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday, May 9th, 1966, to Friday, May 13th, 1966, inclusive. The Theme of the Sessions will be the 2nd verse of Psalm 67 — "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations".

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A SUMMER AT TYNDALE HOUSE

by MISS LOIS COOKE, Student Deaconess

Ewart College, Toronto

FROM MY VANTAGE point at the third floor window of Tyndale House in Montreal, I was able to see across Richmond Square. At this morning hour it was a kaleidoscope of colour and movement. The traffic on St. Antoine Street, which divides Richmond Square in two, hurtled westward, presenting the usual obstacle for school children. I never ceased to marvel at the adept way they dodged cars and trucks and arrived safe and sound on the other side. Pouring out of the doors of rooms, flats, tenement houses, and private homes, in the downtown area of Montreal, these children quickly crowded St. Antoine Street. Laughing and pushing, chatting and fighting, they presented a sight being repeated in cities and towns across the country. They are a remarkably well-dressed and healthy looking group. It takes some time to discover that hungry children can be kept quite chubby on porridge and spaghetti, but their pasty skin and listless manner eventually betrays them. This is not to say that hungry children are necessarily common. Most of the children I knew were well cared for. However, in that affluent city there are hungry and neglected children. A sight which never ceased to horrify me was a streetful of children and young people, at 8.30 in the morning, munching chocolate bars, eating chips and drinking pop. Whether they had not had breakfast, or were using their lunch money I was never able to fathom.

In the center of Richmond Square is a park. If there ever was grass, it has long since disappeared, except for a remnant that clings tenaciously to the base of the iron fence. Instead of grass the Square is full of sand, which might not be too bad if it had not accumulated decades of downtown Montreal soot, smoke and dirt. Needless to say, it is impossible to keep the children clean. The fence around the park always intrigued me. It is quite high and has a gate and lock, which is designed to keep the children out until the afternoon. It always gave me great satisfaction watching the older girls and boys climbing over the top, and the little ones wriggling underneath! Then the front doorbell would ring and my reflections would be broken as I ran downstairs to welcome the early arrivals for nursery school.

On May 11th, I had arrived in Montreal to begin my summer's work at Tyndale House. Having completed my second year in the Deaconess Training Course at Ewart College, and having an interest in downtown work, I was delighted that the W.M.S. National Department had appointed me to Tyndale House for the summer.

Tyndale House is the Social Service Settlement of The Presbyterian Church in Montreal. Since 1927, Tyndale House has been serving the Seigneurs Street area. In 1951 a building was erected at 870 Richmond Square, a block west of Guy Street and south of St. Antoine Street. The building is three stories high, containing a gymnasium, Chapel, nursery, library, club and craft rooms. Tyndale House is administered by a Board of Management, appointed by the Presbytery of Montreal. The full-time staff consists of the Executive Director, Mr. W. Wolter; the Chaplain, Rev. E. Briard; the Deaconess, Miss Catherine Watson; Mrs. P. LeBlanc in charge of the Junior Programme. The programmes at Tyndale House are designed to provide religious, cultural, social, and recreational activity for people of all ages, creeds and races. The people of the area come from a multitude of backgrounds, the most prominent being Italian, Negro, Anglo-Saxon and French Canadian, with the European continent and the British Isles being well represented. Many of the Negro people come from such distant places as British Guiana, Barbados, Jamaica, The Bahamas, the southern States, and, closer to home, New York City and Nova Scotia.

As in any downtown situation, the area suffers from the usual social blights, but before my summer was over I came to realize how little we know, or understand, our neighbours of the inner-city. Many families have lived here for two and three generations. They stay, not because of financial necessity, but because this area is home. Within the area, there is a community life which reminds one of the personal interchange of a country village. There is the corner store, restaurant, shoe repair, Churches, schools and women's groups, and if you listen to the chatter and gossip that goes on you can keep quite well informed. For example, if unable to contact one of the young people by phone or at home, I discovered that a few casual enquiries made to the right people would bring the person in question to the front door within a day or two.

The unexpected and improbable are part of the daily life of the work at Tyndale House. It is always a struggle to keep the programmes running smoothly and on time, but beneath the hectic surface there are activities and programmes designed to fulfill the basic purpose of Tyndale House. Space prohibits a full report of the work, so I must give a partial, and therefore inadequate, description of the work that I personally was involved in during the summer. This description covers only a small percentage of the programmes carried throughout the rest of the year.

During the months of May, June, and July, my weekday mornings were spent with the Nursery School children. The usual Nursery children's animated hands, feet and tongues were a constant source of delight and amazement. And for the little ones, locked in their lonely worlds of fear and silence, what a sense of accomplishment to have them suddenly rebel and shout "No". Or perhaps for the first time leave their corner and tag along behind you.

The "Peacemakers" met one afternoon a week. This is a mixed group of girls and boys that began when C.O.C. and Explorers ceased for the summer. "Peacemakers"? What a misnomer for a dozen or so swirling children ranging in age from six to ten! They usually brought along miscellaneous friends, and preschool brothers and sisters they were supposed to be baby-sitting with. It was exhausting, but exciting and certainly unpredictable. Our theme for the summer was the Chinese refugee children in Hong Kong. One hot summer afternoon we visited the Chinese Presbyterian Church. Afterwards, the twenty or so children caused a mild disturbance, as they roamed inquisitively through the streets of China Town.

Sunday mornings were always quiet and relaxing after the hustle and bustle of the week. Until the middle of June, Church School was held following the morning Service, thereafter being held during the time of Service. July proved to be quite memorable in that the children and teachers of Welcome Hall Mission, an inter-denominational downtown mission, joined us while their new building was being completed. The first morning, more than twice as many children as expected arrived at our front door! With much adjustment and on-the-spot reorganization the superintendents and teachers handled the situation admirably. After this, we felt we were able to cope with any emergency which might arise.

Another unique feature of Tyndale House is their summer Fun Club, held during the month of July. This is a Club through which the children are exposed to many new experiences, in and around Montreal. One day it might be a tour of the Wax Museum, or Place Victoria. Another day a trip to a swimming pool or again a tour of a biscuit factory (and a huge box of biscuits each!).

Once a week at 10 a.m. a huge School Bus pulled away from Tyndale House with hands, towels and bathing suits, gaily waving as they left on a Family Beach Trip. This was a whole day at the beach for mothers and their children, and a blessed escape from the heat and dirty smog of downtown Montreal.

The working people and the elderly citizens were not forgotten. Evening Bus rides for adults visited towns and communities which, to my Ontario ears, had a romantic ring. Iverville! Illes Bizzard! Beauharnois and Verchers! They were wonderfully cool evenings, watching glorious sunsets on quiet villages and towns as we followed the St. Lawrence River, or drove through French Canadian Farm country.

During the first ten days of July, Tyndale House runs a Family Camp. This year, it was at the French Presbyterian Church Camp outside of Richmond, Quebec. Richmond is that lovely town nestled in the rolling hills of the Eastern Townships, which can be seen on the back of a $2.00 bill. The church steeple you see is that of the Presbyterian Church. Our Camp consisted of the usual Camp staff, four mothers and twenty some children, ranging in age from two to fifteen. This was certainly a new experience for me, but, after a few mishaps and several days of rain, we settled in, adapted ourselves to the inclement weather, and discovered how resourceful we really were when put to the test.

With this type of activity going on, the summer passed very quickly. There was little time to consider just what was the Church's actual ministry in Tyndale House. Perhaps the greatest danger for the Church working in the inner-city is the ease with which evangelical outreach can be lost sight of. The immediate physical, emotional, and psychological, needs can keep the workers living from crisis to crisis. A Father is out of work and there are children to be fed. Somebody's son is in trouble with the Police. A car accident, and a child is left without a mother. The youth have no place to go in the evenings, and float aimlessly along the street. Of course, aid in all these situations is the legitimate work of the Christian, but only as it is permeated in and through with the love of Christ. Nor is this one hand offering help, and the other proffering pious pronouncements and religious platitudes. The spiritual, economic, social, and physical problems of the inner-city are the collective problems of all Christians, regardless of class, creed or race. Christian witness, whatever its form, is only justified in the solidarity of mankind's sin and salvation in Christ. No hint of spiritual, class, or cultural, superiority and paternalism, must disfigure or becloud the witness. The Christian is never other than "one beggar telling another beggar where to find food". In the words of the Apostle, "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) It is in repentance and response to this love, that we find the grace and wisdom to serve. Here our gifts and service will not be tainted with our paternalism and charity, but he who gives and he who receives will be able to rejoice in the gift, as a sign of that greater Love found only in Him.

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. J. N. (Anna) Gunn	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Scott (Edna) Olding	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Henry Brockett	Knox, Leamington	Chatham
Miss Annie Keem	Knox, Leamington	Chatham
Mrs. John Reid	Westminster, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. Thos. Moore	Presbyterian, Richmond Hill	East Toronto
Miss Etta Smith	St. Andrew's, Martintown	Glengarry
Mrs. H. E. Cockburn	Duff's, Puslinch	Guelph
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Kerns	Knox, Crieff	Guelph
Mrs. Edgar Wightman	Knox, Belgrade	Huron
Mrs. T. G. Towne	Presbyterian, Renfrew	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. W. H. Harris	Presbyterian, Renfrew	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Thomas Eckford	St. Andrew's, Cobden	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Joseph Moore	Burn's, Mosa	London
Mrs. D. M. Secord	Presbyterian, Glencoe	London
Mrs. P. MacIver	MacVicar Memorial, Montreal	Montreal
Miss Elsie Cruickshank	Presbyterian, Chippawa	Niagara
Mrs. Alec Warnock	Knox, Grand Valley	Orangeville
Mrs. James Grieve	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. T. P. (Carrie) Rouse	Central, Brantford	Paris
Miss Enid McColl	Central, Brantford	Paris
Miss Florence E. Brigham	St. Andrew's, Stoughton	Regina
Mrs. George W. Anderson	St. Andrew's, Wyoming	Sarnia
Mrs. Andrew Hay	St. Andrew's, Watford	Sarnia
Miss May Reid	St. Andrew's, Watford	Sarnia
Mrs. John K. Mayberry	Presbyterian, North Mornington	Stratford
Mrs. Archie H. McGibbon	Presbyterian, Boston	West Toronto
Mrs. John C. Baker	St. John's, White Rock	Westminster
Mrs. E. E. Wright	Presbyterian, West Vancouver	Westminster

THE PRESBYTERIAL ADULT SECRETARY AND THE LOCAL GROUP

by MISS MAY NUTT,
Assistant in the Adult Department

THE MOST IMPORTANT task of the Presbyterial Adult Secretary is to encourage and assist all adult groups of the Society within her Presbyterial, particularly in the areas of programme planning, officer training, and outreach. Often the secretary is told that her only concrete job is to send out and compile Annual Reports. This is only a small part of the work entrusted to her.

How to start

Don't wait for Churches and Groups to contact you! Work out a plan for visiting and contacting as many Groups as possible in your area. It would be a good idea to send out a letter, immediately after the Annual Meeting, to all Groups, saying either that you have been appointed for another year, or that you are the newly appointed Secretary, and that you will be getting in touch with them again soon.

Look at what is happening in your Presbyterial. Some of the questions you might ask are the following:

—Are the needs of the women in the Churches being met in any way through our Groups?

—Are there as many groups as there are Churches?

—How does the Group membership compare with the number of women members in local congregations?

—What type of programmes are being carried on in the Groups in your area?

—Would these programmes attract new members?

—How effectively are officers of local Groups functioning?

—Do the members of Affiliated Groups, particularly Presbyterian Women's Groups, feel closely related to the Presbyterial? Are these Groups helped by associating with the Presbyterial?

Your Plan

Keeping in mind the answers to the above questions, plan the ways you are going to assist local Groups and encourage the formation of new groups. Develop and carry out at **least one major scheme** each year.

One year, the stress may be on **Leadership Training.** These sessions could include help on programme planning, worship and officer training. The ways this will be done will depend on your area. In some areas, women can be gathered together in a central place for training. In other areas, it might be wise to have teams of two or three women meet with Group members in their local Church. The Leadership Training Series, mimeographed material giving suggestions for setting up training sessions, is available from the office on request.

Another year, the stress may be on interesting other women who are not now active in any Group or activity in the Church. One congregation might be willing to be a pilot scheme, which could be used as a pattern for outreach in other congregations in the Presbyterial. One outreach plan is outlined in the booklet "Go . . . That We May Know" (A New Emphasis in Women's Work).

Still another year, your stress might be on encouraging Affiliated Groups — particularly Presbyterian Women's Groups — through special conferences or rallies aimed at their particular needs.

Besides this formal training, any conversation you have with local Group members or officers is an opportunity to help the Groups. You should be familiar with all the material related to the current theme, and should be prepared to suggest ways that various Groups could adapt material to meet the particular needs of their Group.

As Adult Secretary, you have a demanding and important office to fulfill, but it will be worth the effort if it results in enthusiastic and growing Groups and members.

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centre 1966

Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

July 18-22, 1966

Purpose:

To provide opportunity for women, especially those carrying leadership responsibilities to grow —

- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in understanding of what is involved in Christian Mission in local areas, in Canada and around the world
- in ability as leaders

Please note that there will not be a W.M.S. Training Centre in this area in 1967. Do encourage as many as possible to take advantage of this Training Centre in 1966.

A REPORT OF AN OVERSEAS FIELD TRIP

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

Executive Director of Overseas Missions

THERE REALLY is no need to tell readers of Glad Tidings that there are many crises around the world today; but I must write that in order to establish my theme. The world today needs, most of all, the message which Christ brought with all its meaning and with all its power.

There is nothing new in this theme either. I would think that everyone who reads these words will know, either very consciously or subconsciously, the fact that this theme states. But it seems that we need to keep it before us constantly in order that we may be always working toward the proper goal of achievement in our lives in this world, and in our lives as Christians.

This article is intended to give you some impressions of my most recent field trip which included a short visit in Japan, attendance at planning meetings in Taiwan, a regular field visit to India and to Nigeria. As I am writing these words, I am back a couple of weeks from my travels. I could wish that I might have words vivid enough to carry each of you who reads this article into the Churches of Asia and Africa. Indeed, I could wish that the words would take you deeper than merely the activity of these Churches, but take you beyond into the realm of thought which is constantly grappling with the problems that beset the Church in these revolutionary days, and in growing, developing nations.

For two and one-half months in the latter part of last year, I journeyed in East Asia and in Africa. I paid a brief call in Japan on my way to meetings in Formosa. After a stimulating two weeks of confrontation with the Church's opportunity in that small land, I went on to India via Hong Kong. There, for five weeks, I dwelt in a land beset with many problems; political, economic, social, and I beheld a Church grappling with problems that at times seemed far too great to overcome. Finally, my travels took me to Nigeria. There, Christian people throughout the land were suffering a reaction to the postponement of the inaugural of Church Union. After years of working, hoping, and praying, for a kind of working together in the Body of Christ, it was a very great blow to realize, at the last moment, that there were those who for various reasons were not able to proceed with the inaugural of the Church of Nigeria. Finally, I am home, and it seems to me (whether I am over sensitive to this thought or not) that the people within the Church are struggling, as the people within the nations abroad, seeking in their struggle to find the meaning of life on this earth, and trying to find their calling as Christians and their place in the Church of Jesus Christ.

With all the struggles that are going on in the world today, the one basic struggle does not reach the mass communication level. It is: What to believe. Men and women everywhere have found that, on a purely human and materialistic level, they cannot trust one another; that riches may be accumulated, and there might be achievement of great prestige and power, but such things can disappear overnight. Since I have returned to Canada, a man who gave leadership to a Commonwealth conference in Nigeria, the Prime Minister of the country, has been killed. Several members of his cabinet have also lost their lives. Well do I remember a very interesting occasion when a minister of the Federal Government entertained a group of us to dinner in Lagos. What has happened to him in these days of turmoil in Nigeria?

In Formosa, the Church has the opportunity of being an influence in the life of people who are in the economic revolution that has come to that country. For six days a group of Christians met together in the City of Tainan, in South Formosa, and studied the country economically and socially. The latter part of these six days, the secretaries of the Formosa Presbyterian Church put before us a blueprint of what the Church should do, if it is to take a place in the development and growth of the land. This place included, first and foremost, the nurture of the Church members; the day by day teaching of men and women and children who have been members of the Church for some time; those who have newly come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour; those who are seeking a Saviour.

In the past decade the Formosa Presbyterian Church has been aiming to double its membership, as a part of its Centenary objective and as a means of giving thanks to God for the Church being in the island. The objective was achieved in a remarkable way in many places throughout Formosa. But now there must be the follow-through, a constant teaching of these people who have come newly into the faith. The Church must give leadership in the changing social structure of the country. As a result of the industrial revolution, the rural people are moving into the urban centers, finding life hard, the city not as glamorous as they had dreamed, and as a result they are drifting into ways of life which are neither healthy physically nor of benefit to the country. The problems of life in the mountain areas continue to be a struggle for economic existence; a need for the young people to be educated to take their place in the life of the nation; a need to be concerned with the inroads being made by mainland people and plains people into the area once inhabited only by the tribes people. The Church must help tribes people and plains people integrate, to become a whole nation.

The Church, it is believed, still has a place to play in the education of young people, particularly as more and more young people seek higher education. What of the philosophy that they will learn in the colleges and universities of Formosa? Christians throughout the country are realizing that Christian teachers can set a standard that others cannot. The Church still has a standard to set in the realm of medicine. One main concern is to reach out with the healing ministry into the mountain areas and into the plains, where with a combined team ministry the Gospel of Christ may be made meaningful in the physical as well as in the spiritual lives of people.

But, most of all, Formosa needs the Church with all that the Church means as the Body of Christ. It needs a Church that has the fellowship of Christians from many parts of the world. It needs the fellowship of our Church; not just in the act of sending Missionaries to aid in the task that there is to do, but in the closer, deeper fellowship that requires of us, as Christian men and women, to have a concern for our fellow men and women in Formosa. Having said that for Formosa, the same paragraph could be repeated for India and for Nigeria.

How can one describe the life in India in these days? While I was there, there was still military action between India and Pakistan. The newspapers were full of it. Accompanying it, in almost the same degree of publicity on the front pages, were the serious drought conditions that were in existence throughout the whole of the country. Day by day the nation was counting its resources and seeking to know how it could keep 500,000,000 people alive in the next eight months, before another crop could possibly be harvested. You who read this story will already have learned of the appeal for famine relief in India. You probably already have contributed to the fund that has been established by our Church's Inter Church Aid and Service to Refugees Committee. But India needs more than your dollars right now for famine relief. It needs you as an individual, in the power that you have in the fact that you are a Christian, and that you know the meaning of your Christian faith.

While hunger and war are the daily fare in India, the work that we share does go on. In Jhansi, in the Helen MacDonald School, the staff there are clearing the way for the beginning of Intermediate classes. This, in effect, is developing the School into a Junior College. As a piece of educational work, there is much to be thankful for in the way in which this School has contributed to the development of young women in India in the past. Now the future stands before us. There are so many ways in which God is using the Helen MacDonald School to give to young women not only a strong academic training but something far more precious, and that is the knowledge of Christ's love. The coming of the Tibetan children, into the midst of the School which had heretofore been for Indian young women, was an event which strongly sharpened the focus of both students and staff, on the real reason for the School's existence. These children have gone through many physical, mental and spiritual hardships in their young lives. They still have a lot of difficulty ahead of them, but we are sure that God is strengthening them. They are learning to know the power of Christ's love in their lives. The struggle these children are having in their spiritual life is one to cause an observer to realize again and again where the real power in this world lies.

Fear of hunger, and hunger itself, is the feeling which greets a person in the Bhil country. It is everywhere. One realizes, as you talk with Missionaries and Indian leaders, that whatever else is done, our Christian faith must be strong enough to be able to help our brothers and sisters face these next months, believing that God is able to use even such conditions that exist in India today, and particularly in our Bhil area, to His glory and His purpose. To visit the villages, one is aware that if one came back in a few months' time there would be faces that you see today that you would not have seen then. To visit the Hospital: already patients are coming in with signs of malnutrition and disease that accompany that condition. We are called as Christians to speak to the hungry, but we have also to remember that there is another hunger and that is prevalent throughout India too. It is a hunger for a way of life which has hope; which does not leave man, at the end of his day, wondering how he is going to exist, and what reason there is to exist beyond that day. The thought that came to me several times in my visit to the Bhil country is whether, in our anxiety to be active in the various areas of our work in this part of India, we were neglecting the most needy part of the work in the Bhil country. The Church leaders and Missionaries have too little resources in personnel and finances to feed the hungry with the message of Christ's love.

What is the role of the Church? What is the meaning of the Church? These are questions which came to mind as I visited in Nigeria. There had been so much hope for the strength that would come in the larger and stronger Church, which should have evolved as the Church of Nigeria.

There was so much anticipation of the strength that would come from sharing with one another, across the barriers of communion, in the many tasks that the Church could do in Nigeria today. Thus the postponement of the beginning of the Church of Nigeria came as a devastating emotional reaction to many with whom we are associated.

In many ways the activities which were anticipated will be carried out, particularly in Eastern Nigeria. For example, in Port Harcourt there is a project going on which encompasses a great many areas of that community's life. It is being carried on interdenominationally. That project of course will continue. There are other places in Eastern Nigeria where the working together of the three communions will continue, will develop, and some of the problems which they may encounter will be ironed out. It is hoped that the union will be effective within this year, or within a very short time. My feeling, in being a visitor to Nigeria at this time, was that whatever may be the result of the thinking together of the Nigerian people about their corporate union, there is much to do, and Christians can work together irrespective of the structure of the Church.

This new young nation, which has suddenly become a nation in dire distress, is one which has openly looked for the Church to give leadership in many parts of its activity. The call to Christian service is clearly before us here. The call to share our Christian convictions with our brothers and sisters in this country; to share them through exchange of personnel; to share our convictions through our concentration on the problems that face the country and the Church, and, in studying them, to be prepared to pray that God will show the way for this country, that it may have a strength that only the knowledge of the Christian faith can give.

Miss Louise Reith, in writing in this department's section in the month of February, pointed out that the Study of the theme for 1965-66 "Mission, the Christian's Calling" turns the focus of the mission task on you and me. She points out that this Study clearly asks each one of us why we support the mission of the Church, if we support it. It clearly asks us whether we truly understand what our calling is as Christians. Truly the searchlight does swing upon you and me. Many times, as I met with people in the two and one-half months abroad and since I have come home, I have felt that the greatest need in our Church and in our land is for the individual who calls himself or herself by Christ's name to know truly what that name means, and to use the power that is given to him to serve the Lord and Master whom they profess. We can observe so clearly that unless the Church abroad is built on a strong structure of Christian faith in the individual, in the corporate body, that it is less than the Church of Jesus Christ. We cannot say that without realizing that we cannot judge the Church abroad, without looking at what we ourselves are in the Church in our own land.

We hear constantly of the many needs there are in the world today. But there is one need that is way and above everything else. Without it, it seems to me the whole earth will sink into deeper chaos and confusion. That need is that the Church of Jesus Christ *be* the Church of Jesus Christ, everywhere in the world. If that need is met, it means that you and I must know who we are in Christ.

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OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

MRS. TED STEVENS (Suzanne Sarjeant) — Miss Suzanne Sarjeant, Reg.N., who is on our medical staff in the Bhil country in India, was married January 19th to the Rev. Ted Stevens. The marriage ceremony took place in Mendha. Mr. Stevens is a missionary of the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will be living in Benares where Mr. Stevens is engaged in student work.

Miss Suzanne Sarjeant, R.N.

MISS DOROTHY BULMER, L.R.C.T., who has been in Canada on sick leave for the past six months, returned to Nigeria, leaving Canada January 4th. We are thankful that Miss Bulmer has recovered from surgery she had in Toronto last August and that she is well and able to return to her work in leadership education in Nigeria.

Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T.

Miss Athalie Read

MISS ATHALIE READ — Members of the Society will regret to learn of the death of Miss Athalie Read's mother on December 31st, 1965. Miss Read is home in Canada on furlough from British Guiana. She will be visiting groups and presbyterials in Eastern Canada during her furlough time.

Miss Diane Petrie,
R.N., B.SC.N.

MISS DIANE PETRIE, Reg.N., B.Sc.N. — Miss Petrie, who was appointed to our staff in Formosa last year, left Canada on December 28th. She is now engaged in language study, in preparation for her work as a Public Health nurse.

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DO YOU KNOW HER?

That Glad Tidings Secretary of great renown,
Who seeks for Subscribers all over town?
She finds them too—bless her willing heart—
For she never waits till too late to start!
The moment Fall Campaigns come into sight
She goes right to work with all her might!

Her smile is so friendly, her approach so sincere,
That renewals come pouring in, year after year.
New subscription arrive, from her chats with friends,
And the sample "Glad Tidings" she so often sends.
That's why *her* Subscription List each year grew—
Her name, did you say? Why—it *could* be you!

(L.M.C.)

Your Prayers are asked

—For our Hospital Visitors, that they may be given health and courage in their great ministry of love. We give thanks for the cheer, and the spiritual strength, given to the many patients during a year.

—For Miss Hilda Blackwell, and Miss Evelyn Murdoch, who are serving as Presbytery Deaconesses in the Prince Albert and Saskatoon Areas of Saskatchewan. May their every effort in Christian education result in a deeper understanding of Christ and His love.

—For all those who profess the name of Christ that, as the Easter Season approaches, each one may realize, with renewed clarity, the significance of the Resurrection.

—For all those who are seeking to understand their "Mission" as Christians, that they may be given the strength and courage to carry forward the tasks entrusted to them.

—For all the members of the Overseas staff, that, in these days of chaos and conflict in the countries overseas, they may be strengthened for their task of proclaiming the Christian message of love and salvation.

—For the peoples of the lands of Asia, Africa and South America, who are undergoing such strenuous times politically and economically. Pray for the Church in these lands that it may fulfill its task under the guidance of the Spirit.

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THE WAY!

To every one there openeth
A Way, and Ways, and a Way,
And the High Soul climbs the High
Way
And the Low Soul gropes the Low,
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every one there openeth
A High Way and a Low,
And every one decideth
The Way his soul shall go!

(John Oxenham)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

TEN FINGERS FOR GOD. By Dorothy Clarke Wilson.

No better Title could ever have been chosen for this intensely interesting book — "Ten Fingers For God" — for the amazing miracles which God has worked through the clever fingers of this dedicated Christian surgeon are actually beyond counting! This is the true life story of Dr. Paul Brand, that brilliant and remarkable Missionary Doctor who has devoted his life to the study of Leprosy, and has perfected such an almost-miraculous surgical procedure that today this dreaded disease is thought about *as* a disease, instead of some sort of supernatural affliction for which no cure was possible — as it has been considered for centuries. Dr. Brand is indeed a modern medical hero of our time, and is known as one of the really great men of the 20th Century.

Many of our readers no doubt, heard Dr. Brand, when, a year or so ago, he made a Speaking Tour across Canada in the interests of his quest for an end to the age-old ravages of Leprosy. They will especially welcome now this warmly-told biography of Dr. Brand, and the wonders of the real-life miracles of his work among the lepers of India, first accomplished at Vellore Christian Medical College, India, shortly after he had responded to an urgent call from there, in 1946, to take up special work. It was while there that he first saw the helpless hands of lepers — fingers tightly coiled against the palm; all sense of feeling lost — and learned that no such thing as rehabilitation for lepers was ever considered possible. There was no help for the Leper! They were not admitted to General Hospitals; even Vellore had then no Ward for them; mostly they just became outcasts — incurable — unwanted — hopeless creatures forced to shift for themselves in any way they could — untouchable and beggars!

No Orthopedic Surgeon, up to that time, had ever studied the deformities of leprosy, despite the fact that millions of people were helpless, suffering victims of this abhorred disease. Dr. Brand, applying techniques he had learned in World War II, discovered that live tendons from undamaged and little-used muscles could be grafted to the tendons of afflicted fingers and toes, so that once again crippled hands and feet become useful and workable. This, alone, meant great rehabilitation, but Dr. Brand still continued studying and experimenting until he learned how to control skin sores, rebuild collapsed noses, restore eyebrows by scalp transplants — to give purpose, hope and dignity once more to these miserable outcast lives. Realizing that, even though now free of disease and able to work, many employers still would give no work to these unfortunates whom they considered "untouchable," Dr. Brand set about organizing Centres where Lepers could live and work together; classes where they could learn trades — typing, carpentry, toy-making, accounting — and so become a productive community of hopeful, active people once again. On behalf of his work, Dr. Brand has travelled throughout the world, and has won honour and recognition everywhere. He has been the recipient of Rockefeller Foundation Grants; the Hunterian Professorship at the Royal College of Surgeons, and the Albert Lasker Award in 1960.

Dorothy Clarke Wilson is the able writer of this fascinating book, which not only tells of the fine accomplishments of this wonderful Christian Doctor, and that of his team of Doctors, Nurses, and Laboratory Specialists at the Christian Medical College at Vellore, India, but tells the whole story, also of his own life, and the heritage of character and service, which began for him with his great-grandfather, and which he is now transmitting to his own children. Anyone who has read "Dr. Ida", and "Take My Hands", by this same author, will realize that in this new book is another treasure from her pen — a book of great intuitive warmth and humanity, and a splendid delineation of character and accomplishment. Price—$6:50

BELOVED WORLD. By Eugenia Price.

This is a very remarkable and comprehensive book indeed — "The Story of God and People, As Told From The Bible". This is a completely different approach to the reading and understanding of the Bible records to any I have previously read, but it has already proved itself of such enthralling interest and readability that it is now in its third edition, with some 60,000 copies in print. This book is not a Bible Story — it is truly the story of the Bible, beginning with the story of Creation, ending with passages from Revelation, and told by a fine Christian writer, whose words really make the Bible live, in a smooth-flowing understandable story form, which is, none the less, accurate, colourful and filled with true characterization and reverence.

Here is an excellent and worth-while book which has much to contribute to understanding and study of the Bible in its usual version. There are many fine illustrations, and some 500 pages of thoughtful, well-prepared text. It is Eugenia Price's 8th book since 1949, when she became deeply and sincerely converted, and it is considered to be her most important work to date, although each of her seven books has become a religious best-seller. She is truly an inspired Christian writer. Price—$4.39.

PRAYERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. By Professor William Barclay.

Included in this outstandingly excellent book of "Prayers for Young People" are both morning and evening payers for each week of the twelve months of any year, and each prayer is thoughtfully adapted to the interests and problems which fill the lives of the average young person of today. They were written by Dr. Barclay, out of his infinite wisdom and understanding, in the hope that the use of these prayers will lead eventually to so sincere an understanding of the need and privilege of prayer that the young people using them will soon come to realize that they do not, any longer, "need help in talking to God". Perhaps the most valuable part of this whole valuable book, both to the young people themselves and to those who seek to guide them on Life's way, is the first Chapter — "You and Your Prayers", in which Professor Barclay so clearly explains the meaning of prayer, and gives a wise exposition of how to pray.

Professor Barclay is a distinguished teacher and preacher; a well-known Biblical Scholar and Broadcaster. He is a Professor at Glasgow University, a member of the Advisory Committee on the new translation of the Bible, the Author of Bible Study Notes for the Church of Scotland, and also of the book "The Plain Man's Book of Prayers". Price—$1.50.

CHANNELS OF CHALLENGE. By Maxie D. Dunnam.

The Young Minister who wrote these fifty-six Meditations, prayerfully meant them both to inspire and to challenge, firmly believing that "in a new kind of world in which we now live, we had better realize that it is going to take a new kind of person to live in this world and make it what God means it to be". Grouped around the theme of "Challenge", he holds out no magic power to relieve people from their responsibilities, but very definitely challenges his readers to accept God's eternal power to sustain and support. Under each of these Section Headings there are seven very fine thought-arousing Meditations, each complete in its own concept and presentation — "The Giver of Challenges; The Challenge of Self; The Challenge of Others; The Challenge of Choice; The Challenge of Adversity; The Challenge of Daily Living; The Challenge of Social Concerns; The Grace To Meet Challenges".

For five years, the Rev. Maxie Dunnam was the Pastor of Trinity

Methodist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi. He is now organizing a new congregation at St. Andrew's By the Sea, in San Clemente, California. He is a graduate of the Condler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. Price—$3.00.

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THE PHARMACIST

by JANET CLANCY

EXAMS WERE NEARLY OVER, and so was High School. It was a beautiful June day in the small town of Morrisburg, on the St. Lawrence River, when I entered the local Drug Store. Little did I think that I had been led there in order that my career as a Pharmacist might start. But start it did, when the girl who worked there told me she was being married, and suggested that I apply for her position.

Chance did you say? No, I think that it was the work that I was meant to do, and I can think of no profession that can give more satisfaction or service to mankind. Pharmacy offers a wide diversity of interesting and challenging opportunities. It also gives a great personal satisfaction, in knowing that one is helping care for the health of your community and country.

I was rather conditioned to a profession that dealt with the well-being of people. My Mother had trained as a Nurse in Montreal, and had nursed for ten years before her marriage. My Father had seven years' training as an apprentice in the Chemists in Scotland. As children, we were accustomed to hearing about drugs and their uses, and to learn about caring for the sick.

When I arrived home with the news of a chance to work in the local Drug Store, my parents realized I was the one to become qualified to carry on the ambitions they had cherished early in their lives. After working in the local Drug Store for a period of time, I realized that, if I was going to fulfill my desire to dispense drugs, I must have further training. For four years I studied at the College of Pharmacy of the University of Toronto. Part of that time, I was privileged to live in residence at Ewart College, and to share in the fellowship of other University students and girls in Deaconess Training.

That was all a good many years ago. Many changes have taken place both in the profession and in my life. After working for a few years on my own, I married a Pharmacist, and we now own our own Drug Store. Never have I regretted my choice for a moment.

Pharmacy offers a challenge to anyone willing to work and study. It is not an ordinary 9-5 . . . 5-day week business, but rather a continuous service given to the public.

One must be able to feel the needs of humans in order to be a good Pharmacist. One should have a love of mankind, and a sympathy for those whose health is poor. Many people ask for advice, many just want someone to listen to their problems with a sympathetic ear. Surely this is what our Master did, when He healed the sick and taught us to love one another. Is this not what He would have us do for our neighbours?

This profession opens several avenues to young people. About 85% of graduates enter retail work, many eventually owning their own stores. There are also positions in Hospitals where the Pharmacist does research, compounds prescriptions, teaches, controls the stock, and guards the poisons and narcotics. This type of work is especially adapted to girls and women, as the hours are regular and women are better suited to the many routine details that so often exasperate men.

You might be more interested in the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and would like to work in a large Plant, doing tests and control work, or detailing them to the Physicians. Perhaps, through research, you might develop a family of drugs such as the antibiotics, and may save many lives in years to come.

In this disturbed world which faces young people to-day, the training you receive in your four-year Course at the College of Pharmacy, and eighteen months of internship, is worth all the effort you will expend. Hitch your wagon to the pharmaceutical star and reap the rewarding feeling of helping mankind as God had directed when He said "Help ye one another."

(Mrs. H. M. Clancy is an active member of the W.M.S. in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.)

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A PRAYER FROM NIGERIA

"O Thou who makest all things new, may we who are set in the midst of a changing situation be ourselves transformed according to Thy pattern. Out of our restlessness, bring rest; out of our darkness, bring a joyful surprise; out of our perplexity, a discovery of new depths of the divine; and out of our trials and errors, what will best serve Thy loving purpose. May all our villages teem with new creatures in Christ, born not only of industry and free education and a newly-found freedom, but born of the Holy Ghost and the power of Thy resurrection.

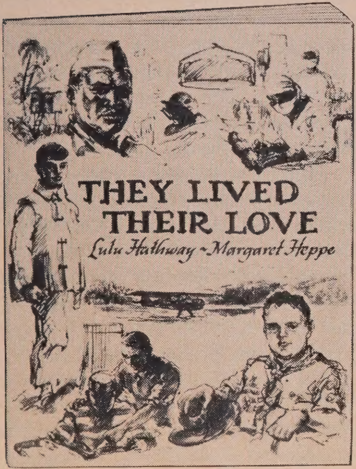
Amen."

Boys and Girls!

LET'S LOOK AT BOOKS!

by MISS MABEL BOOTH

National Secretary for Children's Work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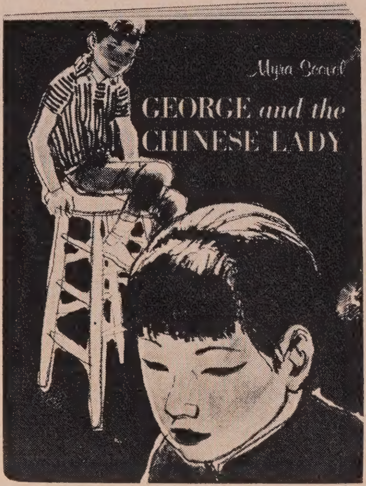
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George lived with his father and mother in a town that could be your town. He had many things to think about. Sometimes he was lonely

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THEY LIVED THEIR LOVE

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different countries.

The first story is about a boy from Toronto, Jimmy Shard, who is a Boy Scout. Jimmy has muscular dystrophy, but in the story you will learn that he passed all the tests and finally received the Queen's Scout Badge. He also was honoured by going to Ottawa to meet Governor-General Vanier. He not only received his own award but also helped other boys to earn badges.

Other stories are about Dr. Mary Verghese, a doctor, who operates on people who have leprosy, making their hands become useful again. One story is about the world famous statesman, Charles Malik, and the United Nations; Chief Albert Luthuli, who holds a place among the world's great fighters for freedom in South Africa; Yvonne Williams, who has designed stained glass windows, many of which are in Churches across Canada, as well as other stories.

This book is one you will want to have in your library to read over and over again.

GEORGE AND THE CHINESE LADY

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because his father worked at the garage, his mother at the hospital and his brother and sister were away at camp. One day he heard his father and mother talking about an antique car. George knew from what his mother said that she didn't think his father should buy it. George wondered if his father would get the car. He came to know a Chinese Lady, Miss Wong, who was on his paper route. She used to invite him in for tea and cookies, but one day she had no cookies. Why? One time she said, she didn't want the paper, and another day he found her lying on the living room floor.

Miss Wong told George about her niece and nephew in Hong Kong. Their father and mother had died and she wanted to bring them to stay with her but she had no money. George wanted to help her, but what could he do?

Throughout the book George found answers to many of his questions. He also had a new understanding of God and his love and in the end became a "missionary" to Miss Wong, just as she was to him.

(If you are in a C.O.C. or Explorer group you will be reading these books in your group. You may like to have a book for yourself. If you attend a group, you may wish to have one to read. You may order them from the W.M.S. Publications Department, Room 205, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1. Price $1.75 each.)

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There are a great many ways in which these "Glad Tidings" envelopes may be used to good advantage by an alert "Glad Tidings" Secretary, or indeed by any member who wishes to further the interest in our Official Magazine (which is the only magazine for women in the Western Division of our Presbyterian Church)—and to help attain our goal of 25,000 subscriptions for 1966. One of the best of these—and certainly the most far-reaching—would be for each local "Glad Tidings" Secretary, with the approval of her Auxiliary or Group, to discuss with her Minister, the possibility of receiving permission to place these "Glad Tidings" envelopes in the pews of the Church, at a morning Service some Sunday. If an Announcement was placed in the Church Calendar for that day; if the Minister also mentioned the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and its widespread work both at home and Overseas; as well as the official Magazine, "The Glad Tidings", in which is found the story of this work—I feel that there is a strong possibility that many of those small blue envelopes would contain a new subscription and be placed on the collection plate, or given to the "Glad Tidings" Secretary, whose name could be pencilled on each envelope. It would be worth trying, anyway—always remembering, of course, that these special envelopes are planned, and intended, to augment particularly the personal outreach, and approach, of the "Glad Tidings" Secretaries. Extra envelopes are available from the Publications Department at fifty cents per hundred. (L.M.C.)

JORDAN — THE GREAT RIVER OF PALESTINE

SO FAMOUS, and so significant in Bible history, has this great river been all down the centuries that it has almost become a legend in itself! Actually, three separate streams start the River Jordan, and each of these has its beginning somewhere upon snow-capped Mount Hermon, which towers majestically high above the peaks and hills of Upper Galilee. Hermon, with its great height and beautiful crown of snow, rises high into the northern skies, and looks down upon the busy land of modern Israel. The largest of these three rivers, whose cold crystal waters flowing from that cap of everlasting snow-field, high upon Mount Hermon, unite to form the River Jordan, is the Dan River, which begins at the northernmost point of the State of Israel.

But the flow of this great River Jordan has not always been peaceful and undisturbed. Long centuries ago, volcanic eruptions hurled tons of molten lava down into the Hulah Valley, now a part of Northern Israel, and thus diverted the course of the Jordan, by obstructing its peaceful flow southward into the Sea of Galilee. Great blocks of basalt rocks eventually caused the river to overflow its banks, especially when the melting snows of the Hermon range poured down the mountain sides. And this, in time, created the great Hulah Marshes, so dangerously-infested a malarial area that, for centuries, men made no attempt at all to settle near there.

Nowadays the pioneers who claimed all this part of this old Land as their rightful heritage, as the ancient prophecy of Isaiah foretold in Chapter ten — "Though thy people, Israel, shall be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return," — have blasted away the basalt obstructions, thus helping the waters of the River to find easy passage all through this devastated area, and reclaiming these unhealthy and unproductive Marshes from desolation. They have drained the stagnant swamp waters and so well coaxed the land back to fertility, that now some 18,750 acres of valuable land have been reclaimed, and green fertility replaces the dark wilderness. Now, all this part of Israel is again flourishing, even as it did in the days of Rome's occupation, when during Herod's reign, it was a centre of settlement, with red rice and cotton growing luxuriously there. Once again, both rice and cotton now grow there, and the words of Verse 6, Isaiah 27, are coming into full accomplishment — "Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the earth with fruit."

Now again, the Jordan River flows freely and smoothly through the Hulah Valley, until it finds its way into the beautiful Sea of Galilee, and from there flows on into the Dead Sea. Much of the Holy Land through which it flows is still arid, but eventually its waters will be utilized to restore the land to its ancient fertility and splendour, for work is steadily proceeding to harness the Jordan waters for electric power and irrigation. From its far bank, further eastward, can be seen the markers which are Israel's borders with Syria and Jordan. This River Jordan is Israel's only River, and to Christian and Jew, alike, it is indeed a Holy River, flowing through the Land of the Bible, and on its way winding among the many famous and well-known sites of both Old and New Testament importance.

Once again, it is becoming a focal point of history in the development of a Nation, and the lives of its people, even as it was, sometime around 1450 B.C., according to Biblical research, when the Children of Israel, in their great need, were enabled to cross on dry land through its waters on their flight to safety, as their "Priests stood firm on dry land in the midst of Jordan, bearing the Ark of the Covenant until all the people were passed clean over Jordan." (Joshua 3-verses 13-17). It is indeed an old, old River, surrounded with tradition and veneration, and a vital part of religious history! (L.M.C.)

FOR THE "IN REMEMBRANCE" COLUMN!

Names which are intended to be included in the "In Remembrance" Column of "The Glad Tidings", should be sent directly to Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, the Editor, and as soon as possible after the death of a W.M.S. member. When an "In Memoriam" is given, it does not mean at all that the name of the late member will automatically come to "The Glad Tidings"; nor is there any basis of fact in the statement, sometimes heard, that **only** the names of those for whom an "In Memoriam" is given, will be published in the "In Remembrance" Column. There is no connection whatever between these two. The names of **all** late W.M.S. members are accepted for "In Remembrance", and **all** names received by the Editor are published, just as soon as publication dates will permit.

(L.M.C.)

FROM SLAVE-BOY TO SCHOLAR!

THE YORUBA-SPEAKING Christians in Nigeria, last summer, remembered with special thanksgiving the captured slave-boy who just one hundred years ago, became one of the first African Bible translators. This young Nigerian lad, seized by slave-traders, sold four times from one trader to another, was young Samuel Adjai Crowther. He was eventually put on board a trading ship in Lagos, called the "Happy Hope"—a strange name, surely, to the 187 suffering slaves on board, who had neither happiness nor hope! But God had plans for young Samuel, and the "Happy Hope" found itself intercepted. A few months later, Samuel was set free at Freetown in Sierra Leone.

How he must have longed for his own people, and his own home, which he never expected to see again! But, as with Joseph of old, God turned to good his seeming misfortune. Young Samuel found himself cared-for by a Christian school-teacher, through whose Christian life and interest, he, too, became a Christian, and now he wanted more than ever to return to his own people and to share with them the message of the Love of God, revealed in Christ Jesus, which had come to mean so much in his own life. Eventually, in 1845, he did return to Abeokuta, after many adventurous years, during which he travelled widely, became a teacher, and, later, a Clergyman. Although he had been away for 25 years, he was still fluent in Yoruba, the language of his people, and he determined to help to provide the Scriptures in Yoruba, so that they might know that the Christian religion, and the Church, were both founded on the Word of God.

He was now Bishop Crowther, but, among his many other duties, he found time to devote to the translation of the New Testament, and this was then printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1865. He also assisted in the translation of the Scriptures in Ibo and Nupe. The Yoruba is one of the few instances where the original translation was made, not by Missionaries from Overseas, but by one whose native tongue it was. Today, more than one and one-half million copies of the Yoruba translation have been sold in Nigeria. Over 115,000 Yoruba Scriptures were sold in Apapa last year.

On August 1st, 1965, the 100th Anniversary of the publication of the Scriptures in Yoruba, the Bible Society of Nigeria, asked all the Churches in the Western Region of Nigeria to observe that Sunday as Bible Sunday. Special Thanksgiving was made that day for the Scriptures in their own language, and for the work of Bishop Crowther, the frightened slave-boy of 100 years ago, who lived and worked to bring the Bible to his own people in their own language, and so helped them to find their way to God.

BELIEF!

by the late PROFESSOR C. S. LEWIS

(This message from the pen of this well known Christian writer was first used in a Broadcast over the British Broadcasting Corporation, and later, became a part of his book "Mere Christianity." At the time of his death, Professor Lewis was the Professor of Medieval and Renaissance English at Cambridge University. He was one of England's great thinkers and scholars. This message is of particular significance at this time, because, in the early years of his life C. S. Lewis was an avowed atheist, but in time became a truly staunch Christian, whose searching mind and brilliant pen has since illumined, "the way of life" for many a seeking questioner, and still continues to do so through his many books, which grow in interest and popularity with the years. Editor)

"HOPE is one of the theological virtues." This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not, ("as some moderns think) a form of escapism, or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is.

If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were those who thought the most of the next. The Apostles, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire; the great men who built up the Middle Ages; the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade; all these left their mark on earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven.

It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world, that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven, and you will get earth "thrown in"; aim at earth, and you will get neither. Our whole education tends to fix our minds on this world. When the real *want* for Heaven is present in us, we do not recognize it.

Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are many things that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise. The longings which arise in us when we first fall in love, or first think of some foreign country, or first take up some subject that excites us, are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning, can really satisfy. There are two wrong ways of dealing with this fact, and one right one.

First—The Fool's Way. He puts the blame on the things themselves. He goes on, all his life, thinking that if only he had married differently, or had gone on a more expensive holiday—or whatever it is he thinks he wants—then, this time he really would catch this mysterious something we are all after. Most of the bored and discontented people in the world are of this type. They spend their whole lives trying out new friends, trotting from continent to continent, from hobby to hobby, always thinking that the latest is "the real thing," at last — and always disappointed.

Second—The Way of The Disillusioned "Sensible Man." He soon decides that the whole thing was a mirage. "Of course," he says "One feels like that when one is young. But, by the time you get to my age, you've given up chasing the rainbow's end!" And so, he settles down, and learns not to expect too much, and represses that part of himself which used, as he would say, "to cry for the moon." This is, of course, a much better way than the first, and makes a person much happier, and less of a nuisance to society. It *would* be the best line to take if a man did not live forever. But suppose that infinite happiness really *is* there, waiting for us? In that case, it would be a pity to find out too late, (a moment after death), that by our supposed "common sense," we had stifled in ourselves the faculty of enjoying it!

Third—The Christian Way. The Christian says, "Creatures are not born with desires, unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger; well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim; well, there is such a thing as water. If I find in myself a desire, which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing."

If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings; and, on the other hand, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find until after death. I must never let it get snowed under, or turned aside. I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country—and to help others to do the same." (From the Editor's Treasure-Box.)

NEW YEAR'S IN KOREA!

"The New Year, according to the moon calendar, last year fell in February. It was a lovely day, even though the snow still lay around. In the morning of New Year's Day, there were lots of people, all going somewhere for a purpose. This was to pay their respects at the graves of their ancestors, and offer food on the family altar; visit the elders of the families, and bow to them.

The preparations for the New Year entail a lot of work, especially for the women. All the cotton bedding has to be washed, down at the still-frozen river, and the sheets starched. The house is cleaned from top to bottom, and special food is prepared. The millers are busy for days before; the sound of the grinding goes on from early morning until late at night. Also it is the peak period for barbers and bath-houses!

The three days before "Sol Nal", (New Year) are very hectic for them, because everyone wants to have a haircut and a bath for the Festival. There is one special food which is prepared and made from rice flour. This, I find a bit heavy, but they make a sort of biscuit from puffed rice and rice flour syrup, which is fried, and these are perfectly delicious — they melt in the mouth! Friends call on New Year's Eve, and leave bowls of goodies — apples, or eggs, for us. On New Year's Day, the children come in their new clothes, and make their bow to us. It is fun to share in it all.

After New Year, in the period from the first new moon to the full moon, the Farmers' Dance Groups come to town. They are a semi-professional group, wearing coloured jackets and huge white hats, which look like paper pompoms. There is a drummer in the group, and they go from house to house with their banners and keg of wine, and, for a price, they will "drive the spirits" away from the house. We enjoy watching them, and their dancing is full of movement. In the "Korea Times", an English-language newspaper, I read a recent article, which says the traditional "Farmers' Dances" are dying out, but in this part of the country, they are as popular as ever. The people enjoy them for their fun, as much as for their efforts to rid their houses of spirits."

(Excerpt from letter from Miss Marjorie Neil, Missionary in Korea, reprinted by courtesy of "The Missionary Chronicle" the official magazine of the Presbyterian Missionary Union of Victoria, Australia.)

DID YOU KNOW — ?

— That sixty members of the Anglican Parish of St. Helen's, in London, England, joined with hundreds of local residents of Hildesheim, in West Germany, in ceremonies dedicating the rebuilt St. Andreas Lutheran Church in the German City? Both of these Churches were almost totally demolished by bombs during the Second World War. The 500-year-old St. Andreas Church, thus rebuilt, will stand as a symbol of post-war reconciliation between Britain and Germany. The Offering received at the Dedication Service of the German Church was earmarked for the building of a Youth Hostel in Glasgow, Scotland. German young people will participate in this construction project in Scotland, just as British young people are assisting in the rebuilding of the bomb-destroyed Evangelical Church Hospital in the East-German City of Dresden.

— That when the Rev. J. A. Munro, M.C., B.A., D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, flew to the mining town of Wabush, in Labrador, he was the First Moderator of our Presbyterian Church to visit Wabush, and to preach in the only Protestant Church there, where the Presbyterian Church in Canada has supplied services for some time?

— That Canada's Centennial Commission, recently called together seventy representatives of 28 religious bodies to confer at Ottawa on Projects and Services in which they could co-operate in 1967? They discussed, among other matters, Special Services for New Year's Day, Dominion Day, Thanksgiving Day; Inter-Religious Libraries; support for the Vanier Institute for the Family; and wheelchair buses to take invalids to houses of Worship. Delegates later reported that "they had reached a degree of unanimity that is amazing", and that all had "put the emphasis on action".

— That, last August, a group of about 1000 Christians, Jews, Moslems and Sikhs, took part in a multi-racial Religious Service in the ruins of Coventry's old, war-blitzed, Cathedral? Dr. C. K. Bardsley, Bishop of Coventry, described this gathering as "a highly important and significant event in the life of the Nation". This unique service included readings from the Koran; prayers in Hebrew and Punjabi; Christian Hymns, sung by immigrants from Ghana, India, and the West Indies. This multi-racial Service was planned to promote better understanding between British Christians and the large Overseas population living in Coventry.

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — An enjoyable evening was spent by the ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook,* when the Evening Guild entertained at a "Smorgasbord", prior to the Addresses of Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department of the W.M.S., Toronto, and Miss Tamiko Nakamura, recently of *Japan,* and now Regional Secretary for *British Columbia.* Interesting Film Strips were also shown. Representatives from other Church Groups also attended — Explorers, C.G.I.T., Sunday School, Study Groups, Choir, and Ladies Aid. The subject of the Meeting was "The Two Faces of Faith", and a worth-while discussion followed the Addresses and the Film. Mrs. Sutherland, President of the Evening Guild, introduced the Speakers, who were driven to *Cranbrook* from *Creston* by the Rev. and Mrs. R. Garvin.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Afternoon Group of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Burnaby,* at their Thank-Offering Meeting, heard the Guest Speaker, the Rev. Robert Foulis, of *Whalley* Presbyterian Church, give an interesting picture of Knox College, *Toronto,* which included both the Professors and the Students. In conclusion, an insight was given as to what motivates a man, or woman, to decide to become a full-time worker for God and the Church. Mrs. R. H. Blackstock thanked the Speaker on behalf of members and friends. The C.G.I.T. Group took part in the Service, and Miss Janice Farrell, a member of the Group, sang a Solo, accompanied by Mrs. E. Nelson. Refreshments were served following the Meeting.

The Home Helpers joined other members of the Marie Douglas Evening W.M.S. Group, of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Burnaby,* at their December Meeting — a Dessert Party. Mrs. J. R. McGlashan conducted the Worship Service, and after the Business Meeting, each member of the Group presented a short report on her personal Overseas Worker. Some included an extra Offering instead of a personal gift. Christmas Carols were enjoyed together, and were a feature of the Meeting.

Mrs. J. Ahlavidson, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church, presided at the Christmas Meeting, held in the new Church Hall. The Christmas Service of Worship, prepared by Mrs. Fred Black, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, for the December "Glad Tidings" was used, and in the Opening Prayer remembrance was given to the late Mrs. E. E. Wright, a faithful W.M.S. worker, who had suddenly passed away. Participating in the Service of Worship, was Mrs. A. J. McBeth, who gave the readings and Prayer, and Mrs. L. S. McIntyre, who also dedicated the Offering. A special welcome was extended to Mrs. A. Gillies, who, with her family, had recently arrived from *Hong Kong*. Carol singing was enjoyed, and a Social Hour of fellowship followed the Meeting.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Jean Marshall was Guest Speaker at a recent Meeting of the Lillian Dickson Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Calgary*. She told of her trip to *Japan,* and her visit with Miss Mavis Hyndman, who is a W.M.S. worker in the *Korean* Church of *Japan*. Miss Marshall also spoke briefly about her stop-overs in *Hong Kong* and *India.*

The Semi-Annual Meeting of this Synodical was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* and was convened by Mrs. W. H. Henry, Vice-President of *Alberta* Synodical. Special Speakers were Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department of the W.M.S., and Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary for *Alberta,* who presented the new Adult Mission Packet — "Mission, The Christian's Calling." Mrs. G. O. Milson, of *Edmonton,* President of *Alberta* Synodical, chaired the Meeting.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* was privileged to hear two Speakers, who were in *Calgary* for the World Mission Week-End—the Rev. Stephen Howe, and Miss May Nutt, who is Assistant in the Adult Department of the W.M .S. Miss Nutt showed pictures of *British Guiana* which were taken last year, when she attended the Missionary Conference there, and had the privilege then of assisting the British Guiana W.M.S. women with their Programme and Administrative planning.

The Rev. Stephen Howe was born and educated in *Formosa,* where he received his B.Sc. degree in Architecture. Coming to *Canada* under the Presbyterian Mission Board, he attended Knox College and received his B.D. from there. At present, he is working with the Indian people on the *Mistawasis Reserve* in *Northern Saskatchewan.* Giving his audience a clear picture of the needs and conditions existing among the Indians today, Mr. Howe said that many of the young people who had attended the Presbyterian Residential School are going into cities to seek employment there, and he stressed their great desire to integrate into the Canadian way of life.

At the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of this same W.M.S. Auxiliary, the Article written by the Rev. James B. Lawson, M.A. for the October issue of The Glad Tidings — "Retaining Our Sense of Wonder" — was read and discussed. Since writing that Article the Rev. Mr. Lawson has returned to *London, England,* as the Assistant Minister of the well-known St. Colombo Church of Scotland, in that City.

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REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Bekevar* Presbyterian Church was hostess recently to four Representatives of *Regina* Presbyterial, who visited this Group as a team. Mrs. Lynn Szakacs presented the Devotional Period, on the Theme, "The Power of Prayer". Then the guests were introduced and they took charge of the Meeting.

Mrs. S. Henderson explained each Division of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), from the work of the Children's Groups to the Synodical, and its duties. Mrs. J. Millar, schooled the members on "Relationships", explaining how each member can be of great value, and an asset to her W.M.S. Group. Miss J. Williamson spoke on the reading value contained in "The Glad Tidings", and also explained the value and importance of having many "Home Helpers", connected with the W.M.S. Group. Mrs. J. McLean stressed the need for planning each Meeting well in advance, in order to increase interest in the Programme. By wise planning, use can be made of films, Speakers, debates, and other special Programme material.

President, Mrs. S. Bernat, expressed special thanks to the visiting team, for their splendid help in giving to the Group a real understanding of the functioning and structure of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of our Presbyterian Church in Canada. This was especially appreciated, and of great value, as the *Bekevar* Auxiliary of the W.M.S. is a relatively new Group. The Meeting closed with prayer, and an informal time of fellowship and friendship was enjoyed by all present, as refreshments were served.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Hartney, Manitoba* were guests of the Evening League, when Miss Martine Van Beek, the Regional Secretary, was Guest Speaker, and interestingly presented the new Curriculum, and the methods used to make the Truth more meaningful to the different Age Groups. Miss M. Funston assisted the Speaker in the Presentation.

Christmas table arrangements and decorations made an attractive setting when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Hartney,* entertained the Kirk Session, the Managing Board, and their wives, at a Supper Meeting. Mrs. P. Hopkins presided at the Programme following, when a Panel Discussion on John H. Griffin's book, "Black Like Me", was well presented by Mrs. J. C. Duthie, Mrs. T. D. Dodds, and Mrs. William Duthie. The singing of familiar old Hymns, and a Devotional Period conducted by Mr. T. D. Dodds, brought this pleasant evening to a close.

President, Mrs. William Hamilton, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Jessie McDonald Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Southminster Presbyterian Church, *Brandon.* Mr. Edward Finch, of St. George's Anglican Church, *Brandon,* was Guest Speaker, speaking on "Missions", and telling of the great work accomplished by the Bible Society. Mrs. William Sim conducted the Devotional Period and the Rev. D. S. Paterson, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Nat McMaster, at the organ. Greetings from Brandon Presbyterial were presented by Mrs. George Bain. Others participating in the Meeting were Mrs. Sarah Graham, Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. James Hunter, and Mrs. R. W. Lampkin. Convened by Mrs. George Lepard, assisted by Mrs. Lampkin and Mrs. McMaster, refreshments were served at the close of the Meeting.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — Two Life Membership Certificates and Pins were presented at the December Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.* These presentations were made to Miss Anna Henderson, and Mrs. David (Lena) Allison, both active members of long standing in the Society.

At the Annual Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* an Honorary Membership and Pin were presented to President, Mrs. A. H. McKay, who is also President of Manitoba Synodical. A Life Membership and Pin were presented also to Mrs. J. W. Elliott. Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, Presbyterial President presented the pins to the recipients. The Auxiliary also held a shower of home-baking for Miss Dorothy McCombie, and Miss Iris Ford, for their use in their work in the *Inner City*. They directed a Christmas Pageant in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* in December. Other guests were Miss Martine Van Beek, Regional Secretary, Mrs. Austin Beattie, House Mother at Winnipeg Fellowship House, Mrs. A. McSween, and Mrs. Wallace Little.

Something new for the Winnipeg Presbyterial took place during the Christmas season. A party was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church Hall for the children from Flora House, the Inner City Centre which has been established by Miss Dorothy McCombie and Miss Iris Ford. This happy occasion was sponsored by several of the groups in the Presbyterial. The children contributed to the afternoon, by presenting the Christmas Story in Pageant, the Scripture being read and the carol singing led by the children, a very impressive performance, and an indication of hard work being done by the young women in charge of this Centre. Following the Pageant, everyone went into the Church Hall where the children, approximately seventy-five in number, received gifts, candy and fruit from "Santa". Lunch served by the Afternoon Auxiliary of St. John's completed the afternoon. A memorable occasion for the Presbyterial!

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Guests from *Walkerton, Durham,* and *Ayton* Churches joined in the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hanover,* when Mrs. C. Nutt presided, with Mrs. J. Ward at the Organ, and a Choir of C.G.I.T. members. "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" was sung as a Quartette by Misses Alita Ward, Elinor Rayworth, Mary Rahn and Letitia Steward. Guest Speaker, Mrs. John Bell, wife of the Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* spoke on "Acres of Diamonds". Assisting in the Service were Mrs. G. Mackey, Mrs. C. Leach, Mrs. D. McIntosh, and Mrs. G. Braithwaite.

The MacLennan W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* heard Miss Marjorie McKee, of *London,* Guest Speaker, tell of her recent visiting on the Mission Fields. Mrs. Frank Parsons, of *Tiverton* was presented with a Life Membership by this Auxiliary, before she and her husband leave Knox Presbyterian Church, *Tiverton* for their new Charge at *Erindale.*

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — At

the 40th Anniversary of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church, *Wallaceburg,* Mrs. Donald Mackay, of *Chatham* was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. F. A. Creasy, Presbyterial President, in her Greetings, included interesting reminiscences on the formation of this Auxiliary. Special Guests included Charter members, and Mrs. Clarence McNeice, from *Gravenhurst.* The Auxiliary History, prepared by Mrs. Mark Merritt, traced its growth from the original Sunday School Class, to the Sunbeam Mission Circle, and finally to the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, through the guidance of Mrs. E. W. Shaw, and Mrs. (Rev. D. J.) Lane.

An "Anniversary Hootenany" was held by girls from eleven Churches, at Knox Presbyterian Church, *Wallaceburg,* in commemoration of Fifty Years of C.G.I.T. work. Mrs. John Burnett, Girls' Secretary, was Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Charles Regis, Mrs. Mary Gibbons, Mrs H. J. Walters, and Mrs. J. Jamieson. Miss B. Campbell conducted the Worship Service, and the Rev. R. D. A. Currie welcomed the girls. Each Group presented a Skit.

Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, wife of the Past Moderator of The General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, was Guest Speaker, when the three W.M.S. Auxiliaries of First Presbyterian Church, *Chatham,* met together recently to hear about the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa, at which Dr. and Mrs. MacMillan were honoured guests. They also visited *Tokyo* and the Korean Presbyterian Church there, and *Hong Kong,* en route to *Formosa,* where they had given so many years of service in the work of the Church, Hospitals and Schools. When they first went to Formosa, the trip took six weeks — this last trip took seven hours!

Last November, the Laura K. Pelton Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* celebrated its 18th Birthday. Dessert and Coffee were served to members and guests preceding the Business Meeting, and the Evening ended with a special Service of Devotion.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Nelson,* celebrated a 75th Anniversary last November. Mrs. M. L. Gunby, President, was in charge, and the Rev. Trevor Lewis conducted the Worship Service. Mrs. Jean Everett read the History, and Mrs. Martin Heslop, after a brief Memorial Service, placed flowers on the Communion Table in remembrance of former members. Five corsages were presented to daughters of former faithful members, who had passed away. Mrs. Norman Anderson, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, spoke on "Thanksgiving", and told of the W.M.S. work on our Mission Fields. Mrs. Ethel Irving, oldest member of the Auxiliary, cut the Birthday Cake.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — Early in the morning of an October day, 135 ladies from W.M.S. Auxiliaries throughout this Presbyterial, left in three buses from St. Giles Presbyterian Church in *St. Catharines* for a most interesting and enjoyable trip to *Toronto*. The first stop was at Ewart College, where Principal, Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., welcomed the visitors and introduced the Student Deaconesses, who, in turn took the ladies on a tour of the College. Next, they visited Knox College, where they were welcomed in the Chapel by Principal J. S. Glen, and Professor Alan Farris. After this, Professor Farris conducted the visitors on a tour of the buildings, which included the impressive dining-hall, the Library, the class rooms, and pointed out the beauty of the architecture.

The Rev. Ronald Con, and Miss Margaret Near, joined the party at the Sai-Woo Restaurant, and during Luncheon Mr. Con was a witty Host and Master of Ceremonies. A brief shopping spree was enjoyed in one of the Chinese stores, following which the ladies visited the Shing Wah Daily News, which is the leading daily Chinese newspaper in *Canada*. The final stop was at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, where a tour of the Christian Education Buildings was enjoyed before assembling in the Sanctuary. There, they were addressed by Miss Margaret Near, and the Rev. Ronald Con. The afternoon closed with an inspirational Worship Service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Con. All who participated in this interesting and worthwhile Tour, felt that it was good indeed to have been there; to have taken part in this day of Christian fellowship; to visit where our Presbyterian young women and men receive their training for Christian work; and to finally see our Church at work in one of our own Canadian Cities.

When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Beamsville,* celebrated their 75th Anniversary, guests were present from local and many district Churches, and Mrs. D. C. Wallace, of *St. Catharines,* Afternoon Department Secretary, brought greetings from *Niagara* Presbyterial. Mrs. Harland Stewart presided, and Mrs. A. W. Reid, a Past President, presented the Auxiliary History, and paid tribute to Past Presidents of the Auxiliary. Mrs. W. H. Heustin introduced the Speaker, the Rev. Thomas Mulholland, of *St. Catharines,* who for seventeen years had served as a Missionary in China. Mrs. S. A. Southward, of *Port Credit,* a former Auxiliary Secretary, cut the Anniversary Cake. Mrs. C. H. Prudhomme, and Mrs. A. W. Reid, presided at the tea table.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Thorold,* conducted the Evening Church Service one Sunday in November, when Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* was the Guest Speaker and told of her trip to *Formosa,* last June.

Guests were present from Churches throughout the Presbyterial, and enjoyed a time of Christian fellowship together at the close of the Service. Two Auxiliary members were honoured with the presentation of Honorary Memberships and Pins, when Mrs. A. S. Curr, on behalf of the Auxiliary presented these to Mrs. R. A. McPherson, and to Mrs. Wm. Munro. Mrs. McPherson served as Auxiliary President for a number of years, and was also an active member of The Willing Workers, and the Choir. Mrs. Monro was President of this Auxiliary for more than twenty-five years, and held an Office in the Presbyterial, when Niagara Presbyterial was first organized.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* celebrated a 60th Anniversary, last October, when the Rev. Alvin *McIntosh,* former Missionary on the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker, and music was provided by the Choir and the Male Quartette. Mrs. George Corman brought Presbyterial Greetings, and Mrs. S. J. Mulligan gave the Scripture reading, and recited a poem. Refreshments were served in St. Andrew's Hall, and Mrs. Charles Biggar, of *Mount Pleasant,* a Charter Member, cut the Birthday Cake.

Miss Shirley Dredge was Guest Speaker at a recent Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Central Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* and told of her work as Principal of an *East Nigerian* School for Children of Missionaries. Later, she was a Leader in the Youth Committee work in *Northern Nigeria.* Mrs. George Corman, Presbyterial President, presented a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to Mrs. Walter Borthwick, Jr., on behalf of Mrs. Borthwick, Sr., and Miss Margaret Borthwick.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Innerkip* Presbyterian Church, Miss Hazel Taylor was Guest Speaker, and gave an interesting account of her work in the *Peace River* District of *Alberta,* as she showed excellent slides of the country and people. President, Mrs. J. Jonker, conducted the Devotional Period, and Miss Leona Lock was Soloist. The Misses Louise Cunningham and Joanne Pelton sang a duet. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Aubrey Gillespie, and the Misses Margaret, Constance, and Lorna Gillespie, in memory of Mrs. Lorne Gillespie. Mrs. T. Currah read the Address, and Mrs. Walter Ross made the Presentations. The Rev. E. E. Eaton closed the Meeting with prayer.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. H. Ullyott, and

Mrs. D. Oliver, were presented with Life Membership Certificates at the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *St. Mary's,* Ontario. Mrs. T. L. Scott, of *Cromarty,* the Guest Speaker, spoke on "The Church's Responsibility to the World at Large". Guests were present from Glen Gowan and the Friendship Auxiliaries.

At the Northern Sectional Meeting of *Stratford* Presbyterial, Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was Guest Speaker, and gave an interesting address on her visit to Formosa, to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of *Formosa.* Mrs. Elwood Roe conducted the Meeting, and Mrs. Maurice Cowen of *Listowel* was Soloist. The Worship Service was conducted by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Monkton,* on the Theme, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me". Mrs. Joseph Brydone, of *Milverton,* thanked the Speaker.

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PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Cambellford,* with President Mrs. W. H. T. Fulton presiding. Members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church led the Devotional Period. Greetings from Presbytery were presented by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. T. Fulton, B.A., of *Port Hope,* and Mrs. Oliver Willis and Mrs. Jack Pethrich were Soloists. Mrs. R. J. Randall, Presbyterial Secretary for Children's Groups, introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Harold Keefer, of *Trenton,* a Vice-President of Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), who in her Address stressed "Increase", as the Key Word, and emphasized that by increasing our membership, we would find the answer to other problems. Mrs. C. A. Eby presented the Vote of Thanks, and the Report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mrs. Roger Roberts. The Officers for 1966 were installed by the Rev. W. H. T. Fulton, B.A., Presbytery Moderator, who also closed the Meeting with prayer.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. S. A. Milne, presided at the Rally of West Toronto Presbyterial, held in Runnymede Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* At the Afternoon Session, Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Executive Member of the Indian Centre, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, wearing her lovely deerskin dress, and the beaded headband, with its single white feather. Mrs. Jones said that education is still the greatest need to help the

Indian to learn how to cope with the stress of City life, and that Indians away from the Reserves, need the sincere love, understanding and help of other City workers. She spoke, with pride, of the fine Indian Exhibit at last Fall's C.N.E., which was sponsored by the Indians themselves. "Indians want to keep their Reserves", Mrs. Jones emphasized.

At the Evening Meeting, Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) was the Guest Speaker, and gave a vivid picture of the Centennial Celebrations of The Formosan Presbyterian Church, which she attended last June, as the Representative of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. She told of the thrill of hearing a 400-voice Choir sing "Onward Christian Soldiers", the fine old Hymn, which some Presbyterians would now wish to delete from our Canadian Hymnal, and asked for the fervent prayers of Presbyterians in Canada for these staunch Formosan Christians, who are fighting against tremendous odds to witness for Christ in their own land.

At an Evening Meeting of this Presbyterial, the Rev. Ronald Con, of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* explained that while this Church is named as belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in order to really be of help to the Chinese people, it is necessary that the members of the other Churches get to know the members of the Chinese Church as individuals, not just as another Church in the Canadian Presbyterian Church. Two Services are held in this Church every Sunday morning — one in English, and one in Chinese. President, Mrs. A. A. Milne, presided.

The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Owaissa Group, of the Presbyterian Church, *Weston,* held a joint Thank-Offering Meeting, with Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Guest Speaker. Miss Margaret Ma, of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was Soloist. Mrs. Curr, giving the highlights of the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa, as she saw them when she represented the Society at the Centennial Celebrations in Formosa last June, stressed the devotion, effort, and willing sacrifice of the Formosan Christians, and how the visits of Christian visitors from the Church in Canada, both helped and encouraged our Missionaries there, and the Leaders and Workers in the Formosan Presbyterian Church.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of the W.M.S.

Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* was held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Kinkaid. A message of congratulations was received from Presbyterial Vice-President, Mrs. R. Milne, of Kemptville, on the 80th Anniversary of the Auxiliary, and an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. Allan Farlinger. This was accepted, on her behalf, by Mrs. Charles Farlinger.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* with the President, Mrs. J. McCleverty, presiding. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Fortier, of *Lancaster,* based on Psalm 71—verse 16; and by Mrs. A. MacDonald, who gave the Prayer. There was a good attendance from all the Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial, among them a lady from *Kirk Hill,* who celebrated her Diamond Wedding Anniversary during the year, and had travelled more than 40 miles to attend this Meeting.

Successful Reports were received from all branches and from the Delegates to Synodical. Those giving Reports were Mrs. C. McRae and Mrs. G. MacIntyre; Miss Marion MacLean, Mrs. S. McCrimmon, Mrs. H. Johnston, Mrs. E. McNeill; from the *Belleville* W.M.S. Training Centre — Miss Bella MacLeod and Miss Olive Ferguson. During the year, one Honorary Membership, eleven Life Membership Certificates, 2 In Memoriam Certificates, and 3 Blue Seals, were given. The Report of Treasurer, Mrs. B. Grant, showed an increase of over $900 in 1965, and $270 given to the Bursary Fund for students in Theology, who come from *Glengarry* Presbytery. At present four of these students are now studying for the Ministry. The May Rally of this Presbyterial will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lancaster.*

The Skye W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kenyon Presbyterian Church, *Dunvegan,* reports a good and successful year in all branches of W.M.S. work, and numbers two Charter Members in the Group — Mrs. D. W. MacLeod, in her 93rd year, and Mrs. R. W. MacLeod, 92 years old.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, *Finch,* presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Clara Rupert, and sent $200 to the Helen MacDonald Memorial School, *Jhansi, India.*

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — At the December Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Forester's Falls, Ont.,* an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. A. C. Olmstead, who has been a faithful Treasurer of this Group for a great many years. At the same Meeting, a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Stafford Millar, in appreciation of her loyal services to her Auxiliary throughout the years.

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"Hail! The Lord of earth and heaven,
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet, triumphant now
Hail! The Resurrection Thou!"
(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788)

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THE EASTER SONG OF TRIUMPH

by DR. JOHN SUTHERLAND BONNELL

(Dr. Bonnell served for 22 years as Pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, in New York City, and, indeed, even to this day, there are many who think of this historic old Presbyterian Church as "Bonnell's Church," although some very illustrious Ministers preceded him there, and he, himself, retired around 1962, to be succeeded by the present Minister, the Rev. Bryant M. Kirkland, D.D., L.L.D. — also an outstanding Preacher. A Canadian, Dr. Bonnell was born in Prince Edward Island, but he was the Minister of a Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg when he accepted the Call to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church — the lovely old Church, which is often spoken of as "The Cathedral of Presbyterianism," in its own land. Dr. Bonnell's preaching and writing have made him a well-known and outstanding name in the annals of Presbyterian ministry.)

"ON THE LAST DAY of the year 1889, Robert Browning was buried in Westminster Abbey. The famous Cathedral was crowded to the doors with sorrowing people. Although the funeral service of the Church of England was dignified and impressive, one worshipper, the renowned Artist, Burne-Jones, became increasingly restive and impatient. He was waiting for a note of triumph to be sounded. Afterward, he said that he kept longing for one of the choristers to mount the triforium in the chancel, and blow a resounding blast on a trumpet. The note of the trumpet — challenging, arresting, triumphant — was what he wanted to hear! And why not? For who, among the British poets, looked upon death with a more fearless gaze than Robert Browning?

Right at this point is one of the major weaknesses in our Christian witness today. Far too many Christians are afraid of death. They meet bereavement, not in the triumphant spirit of the Easter faith, but rather as though Jesus had never lived, as though He had never died, and risen again. Our's should be the acceptance, and the wonder of the living victorious faith, which Jesus, through His death on the Cross, bequeathed to us. Our's should surely never be the pagan acceptance of the finality of death.

In the latter half of the 19th century, when the Archeologists began excavating Italian cemeteries at Volterra, Italy, and at the site of ancient Roman towns near Perugia, on many tombs they found an inscription of just seven letters — N.F.F. — N.S. — N.C. They were puzzled as to their meaning, until, on certain tombs, they found the full inscription. These letters stood for an ancient proverb, that had grown so familiar that the Romans had ceased to write the words out in full. This is how the Latin inscription read — "Non fui, fui, non sum, non curo." When translated, it reads — "I was not; I was; I am not; I do not care." Think of one generation burying its dead — husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, brothers, sisters, and little children — in this mood of utter disillusionment and cynicism! "I was not; I was; I am not; I do not care."

This is a creed, of course, but it is the creed of the spiritually weary; the disbelieving; the sordidly cynical. This, too, was the mood of much of the ancient world into which Christ came. It was a world without hope. Night had descended — a long, silent night, relieved only by the trampling feet of those who stumbled in the dark. Into that world came Jesus Christ, with a divine revelation that was destined to illumine the whole earth. It was a literal fulfillment of Zacharias' remarkable prophecy — "The day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death."

When Jesus preached to the multitude in Galilee, or addressed His disciples privately, He spoke as familiarly of the life of the world to come, as He might have spoken of neighbouring Judea. On the night of His betrayal, with the shadow of the Cross darkening every horizon about the disciples, our Lord gave them a farewell message. He said — "Let not your heart be troubled — neither let it be afraid." While He was going to be parted from them for a while, death, He said, was just like passing from one home to another. "I will make ready for you," He continued, "And when your place is prepared, I will come and receive you unto myself." Death means just a change of residence from the cramped quarters of earth, to the Father's spacious home on high.

St. Paul was not present when Jesus uttered these words, but he accepted them gratefully. When the shadows began to gather around his own life, he wrote to his friends in the Corinthian Church — "If this earthly tent of mine is taken down, I shall receive a home from God, made by no human hands, eternal in the heavens." James Barrie, the brilliant and tender Scottish Author, tells us that he seldom ever took up his mother's Bible, that it did not open, of its own accord, at the 14th Chapter of St. John. That has been true of many another saint. That chapter has inspired and comforted souls in every generation of Christian history, and brought light to those who were nearing the valley of the shadow of death.

The shock of the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus was all the greater for His disciples, because they had not understood the full import of these words of the Master. They found it impossible to conceive that their Mighty Friend could be overtaken by disaster and brutal death; that the forces of evil could win what seemed to be a final victory over Him. Oftentimes, I have tried to picture in imagination the mood of the disciples on the first Easter morning. The key to understanding it, one may find in a museum in Paris, where a notable painting by Eugene Burnand, a Swiss artist, is on exhibition. Copies of it have gone all around the world. In the painting, we see Peter and John on Easter morning, racing for the empty tomb in Joseph's garden. Mary Magdalene had told the disciples that the tomb was empty, and that she had seen the risen Lord.

In this painting, the two disciples are running at top speed, their bodies bent forward in their eager haste. Their hair is blowing in the wind, and their garments float behind them. The Artist concentrates all his genius on the face of Peter. His features are seamed with trouble and sorrow, and his eyes are sunken with much weeping. His countenance is channelled with lines of grief, like bleak hillsides which have been torn with heavy rains. There is hope in his face, but it is hope dimmed by fear and dread. He secretly fears that the report of the resurrection may be true, and he dreads the shame of meeting his risen Lord, after all his cowardly oaths and denials in the courtyard of Caiaphas. This was the mood of all the disciples. It was only by degrees that the sublime truth broke upon the benumbed minds of these men who had followed Jesus. Slowly they awoke in a recreated world.

Once again, we are indebted to Luke for what is the most graphic story of our Lord's appearance to His followers after the resurrection. The Greek physician alone records the walk to Emmaus. It presents every element of the resurrection experience. This chapter in Luke has been called the most sublime passage in the New Testament. There we see two disillusioned, bewildered followers of Christ, conversing dejectedly upon the highway that winds westward from Jerusalem. They say, "We had hoped that it was He that should redeem Israel." A Stranger has joined them, and their hearts burn within them as He opens to them the Scriptures, and shows how the Old Testament prophets and seers predicted the coming of a Redeemer. Their souls must have thrilled as He repeated the words of the prophet Isaiah — "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief — But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Suddenly, with divine illumination, the stark tragedy of Calvary took on a new meaning. At last they understood what John the Baptist meant when, pointing to the Master by the Jordan, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world!" Having reached their destination, they implored the Stranger to tarry with them, for the lengthening shadows betokened the close of another day.

As they sat at table for the evening meal, the Guest, this strange and wondrous Guest, forsook His role, and became Host to these men. He took bread and blessed it, and broke it. What happened at this moment? Was it a characteristic gesture, or movement of His head? A familiar word or look? Or did they, for the first time, catch a glimpse of those nail-pierced hands that broke the bread? In any case, suddenly they knew Him. "It is the Master!" one of them cried. And instantly He vanished from their sight.

The impact of these contacts with the risen Christ was sufficiently real to change the lives of these disheartened disciples. They became transformed men. The gospel of the resurrection, which they preached all across the ancient world, shook the souls of men and women, and made them disciples of the crucified, but risen, Christ. That gospel demonstrated that love can conquer hate, and that life is ever lord of death. It made vile men clean. It changed weak men into spiritual giants. It transformed cowards into heroes, and broken reeds into pillars of steel.

When Christian men and women throughout the Roman Empire refused to offer idolatrous reverence to the image of the Emperor, the authorities resolved to exterminate these stubborn people. Nero attemped to strangle Christianity in its cradle. Hear what other sober historians have written — "Christians were tied to the heels of wild horses and dragged to their death. They were thrown into the arena to be slain by lions. They were daubed with pitch and placed on poles, as living torches to light up the further cruelties in Nero's garden."

But listen to how one of the great Christian leaders of that early period answered their tortures — "Go on, good Governors, and destroy us. The more you mow us down, the more we increase, for the blood of the martyrs is the seed from which new Christians spring. The teeth of these beasts will but grind us into white flour for the pure bread of Christ." They were the despair of the Roman authorities, for these Christians had lost all fear of death. And the fear of death is the mother of all fear. When it is destroyed, every form of fear is vanquished. Would to God that in our time, men and women who have named the name of Christ, could show something of this ancient spirit of heroism and self-sacrifice, instead of the half-hearted, unheroic witness we too often give for Christ!

The gospel of the Resurrection—what a message is this for our feverish, fear-ridden, and death-embracing generation! Here is forgiveness. Here is salvation. Here is wholeness for man. Here is victory over fear, and sin, and death. Out of the dark shadows of the tomb, on Easter morning stepped forth One whose omnipotent shoulders lift every barred gate, and Who has shattered all the bonds of death. He is the Lord of life, the Conqueror of death, alive for evermore!"

(*From The Editor's Treasure Box*)

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ONE DAY I PRAYED . . .

Come, tell me, Lord, what I should do,
And let me do it quietly;
No trumpet blow or blaring brass
Announce my piety;
But silent steps
And silent touch
Perform it willing.

GOD ANSWERED ME . . .
"True love and faith I give to you,
My peace, enduring day to day,
Use these to serve and heal mankind.
And choose in Christ to stay.
And dare to be
Eternally
His Spirit in His way.

(Julianna Toth)

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Church in Canada, in the Hungarian
language. Julianna Toth is the wife of
the Rev. Kalman Toth, D.D., who is one
of the three Editors. This poem appeared
in the English Section of the February issue.*)

PRAYER

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

OUR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Thou holy and eternal God, invisible, and immortal, Whom, not having seen, we love and worship in true humility, we thank Thee for the ineffable tenderness of Thy mercy and forgiveness toward all who call upon Thy name in prayer, and bow before Thy Presence in simple faith and trust.

In the glory of this Easter-tide, we lift our hearts to Thee with thanksgiving and rejoicing, as we realize anew the wonder of the great gift of Thy Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who came from Thee to take upon Himself the burden of our sins, and to die upon the Cross, that, through His suffering and resurrection, we might enter into the life everlasting, and death be forever swallowed up in victory.

Grant, O most Merciful Father, we beseech Thee, that daily, as we live, we may seek to be more worthy of His sacrifice for all mankind, of every race and creed; more conscious of the debt we owe, because we have been purchased at a cost so great; more filled with the nearness of His presence, and more keenly attuned to hear His voice in quietness and tranquility, as we strive to understand and do His will on earth. Fill our hearts with gladness and with praise, our eyes with vision, and our lives with the beauty of Thy purpose, so that, in Thy guiding power, we may continue to spread abroad the message of the Risen Christ, and His redeeming grace. Help us to take our part in bringing to this needful world the saving revelation of unity, newness of life, and peace in Thee, in this world and the next.

Very specially, we would remember at this time our own Church, and all other Churches, which call upon Thy name in faith and prayer. Grant unto those upon whose shoulders fall the privileges of leadership, true wisdom and great understanding, knowledge and wise judgement in the trust which Thou hast given unto them. Bless all Ministers and Missionaries, and all the workers in Thy great task, wherever they may be. Merciful Father, be Thou ever near to them, in sickness and in health, and bestow upon them the power of Thy love, that they may truly speak for Thee, as they go unto the far places of this conflicting world, or seek to carry Thy message in our own land, often to those where loss of faith, doubt, and strange ideologies are encountered.

We would ask Thy blessing on our own Society and all its members. Inspire each one with the meaning and magnitude of the task which lies before us, as we seek to live up to our Motto — "The World For Christ" — and help each member to realize her own responsibility and opportunity in working, with Thee, to make this aim come true. Teach us, dear Lord, to uphold each other in united prayer and fellowship, and to remember always, in our supplications, the homeless and hungry ones, the grief-stricken, and the lost and lonely ones, who know Thee not. Give unto them, and unto all who come to Thee in trouble or despair, the healing of Thy love and care; the comforting knowledge of Thy loving presence with them, in their every need; and the solace of Thy certain understanding of their every frailty and unworthiness.

We ask it all, in Jesus name, Amen.

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FEAR NOT THE NIGHT!

"Be not afraid because the sun goes down;
It brings the sunset, and the plover's cry.
Before the colours of the evening drown,
The stars will make new colours in the sky.
    Night is no enemy. She passes by,
    And shows us silence for our own heart's good;
    For while we sleep, the roses multiply
    The little tree grows taller in the wood.
Fear not the night; the morning follows soon.
Each has his task to make the earth more fair.
It is by these, by midnight and by noon
That she grows riper, and her orchards bear,
Her fields would wither in the sun too bright
They need the darkness too. Fear not the night."

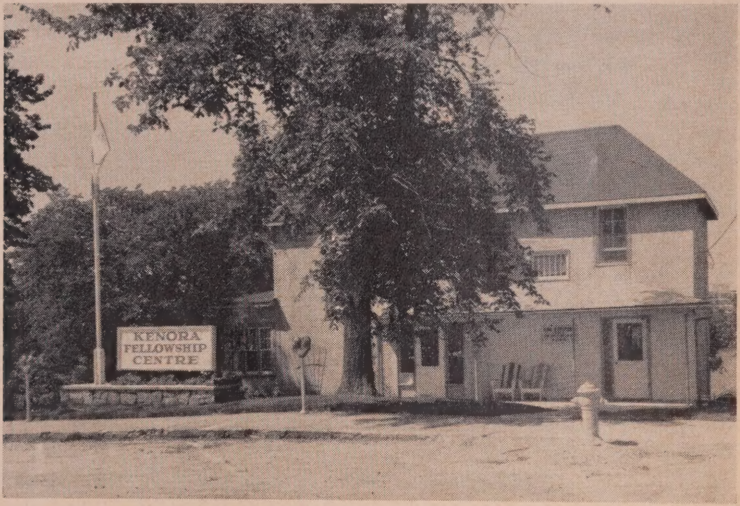
(*From "The Colour of Evening," by Robert Nathan*)

THE KENORA FELLOWSHIP CENTRE

by DR. JAMES DUNN,
DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE

THIS INFANT INSTITUTION is fast out-growing its swaddling clothes. From an average daily attendance in 1964 of 50, we had an average daily attendance of 150 in 1965; and when, as sometimes happens, over 300 in a day use the facilities — then, in modern parlance, we really "rock and roll!" This is a happy situation, but one which poses two problems — a tiring strain on the staff, and a lack of space in which to conduct various constructive programmes.

But we do manage to fulfil one of our main aims — for all those Indians who do not simply come to town to get drunk. We provide a clean, warm,



The Kenora Fellowship Centre

tidy, friendly place where they can come, stay five minutes or five hours, or even over-night. We have spotless rest-rooms — the cleanest in town — with free showers to boot, T.V., library, snack-bar, games, clothing-depot, employment service, mail-drop, storage of possessions, a Thunderbird Club for the teenagers — you name it, we do it. You can even get married at the Centre. Tom Ross and Beverly Ringland were the first couple to exercise that privilege.

The mortgage on the superbly-situated property has been paid off; there are no debts; and, increasingly, kind friends — local and national — are helping us extend the helping hand. Some statistics give an indication of what is happening: Visitors to the Centre during the year — 54,750; staying over-night — 2,551; donations from across Canada — $10,116; expenditures for additional equipment and facilities — $1,779; receipts from hostel fees — $1,773; receipts from clothing depot — $2,952. Close co-operation exists with the Indian Affairs Department, Indian Health Services, Children's Aid Society, and the Town of Kenora Welfare.

The whole gamut of friendly assistance is run — from helping a one-armed Indian to open a tin of beans, to counselling another in jail, ~~on a charge of murder~~. It is not, however, indiscriminate help. Nothing is done for a person that he can do for himself. We are certainly not interested in robbing people of their strength and responsibility. It is easy to make a telephone call for an Indian; it is better to insist that he learn to use the telephone himself.

Among the many and varied activities of the Centre there are three, in particular, of interest to the women of the Church. Our Hostel is a great boon to Indian women who need medical attention. Kenora is the medical and hospital centre for many miles around. The sick come in by car, boat, train and airplane. Awaiting a bed in one of Kenora's two hospitals, and waiting transportation back after discharge, may involve several days. In co-operation with the Indian Health Services, we can provide an interest and care, and over-night accommodation ~~for eight women~~. — several people

It is a tragic fact that infant mortality for Indian babies is many times that of the national average. One of the factors involved is inadequate clothing. Accordingly we have an enterprise called Baby Bundles. For a fraction of the cost, a mother can get for the new baby an adequate collection of whatever it is that a baby needs for a proper start.

The Baby Bundles are only a small part of our Clothing Depot's service. Most of our Indian friends have only very modest incomes, and our Depot is a boon to them because here they can get what appeals to them, at far less than Rummage Sale prices. A charge is made — if only one cent — not for the sake of revenue — but to avoid the unhealthy something-for-nothing habit. Self-respect is preserved, if there is a cost of some sort involved. We are grateful, indeed, to those, especially W. M. S. and W. A. groups, who generously see to it that no Indian need leave the Centre cold, or in rags. It takes thousands of individual transactions to make up the $2,952 received in 1965. But I wouldn't want to be at the Centre if we didn't have this help to distribute.

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CENTENARION!

by MISS GIOLLO KELLY, B.A.

Executive Director of National Missions

Mrs. Charlie Hanska

CENTENNIAL preparations and celebrations are very much in vogue these days. An occasion of special significance took place in mid-January in Manitoba, when Mrs. Charlie Hanska celebrated her 100th birthday. In this day, when the mortality rate of Canada's first immigrants is still far below that of the national average, this occasion was all the more auspicious, as Mrs. Hanska is an Indian Canadian, being a member of the Sioux tribe.

The former Elizabeth Benjamin was born on January 15th, 1866, when her family was on a hunting trip "a day's journey" from the Turtle Mountains in south-western Manitoba. At the age of seven, she accompanied her parents and four brothers from Portage la Prairie to the Birdtail, to select a Reserve for the Sioux. A year later, she took up residence on the Reserve with her family, and has lived on the Birdtail Reserve, eighty miles northwest of Brandon, ever since, with the exception of two years when her family lived at Fort Ellice. She still can remember the powwow of several days duration, which was held in the 1870s, following the signing of the first treaty with the Saulteaux Indians.

Mrs. Hanska received her formal education at Elkhorn and Birtle, attaining a grade three standing. She married Charlie Hanska in 1892, and they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1942, a year before Mr. Hanska died. Of their eight children, one—Simon—is still living. She has thirty-six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, who affectionately call her "kunsi"—Sioux for "granny."

Five generations of her family attended the birthday celebration at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Lawrence Bunn, on the Birdtail Reserve. Mrs. Hanska, seated in a platform rocker — the gift of friends in Birtle — received the good wishes of her many friends and neighbours who called. Her dress was of dark grey silk, over which she wore a pink wool jacket and a pink rose corsage. In her hand she held a walking cane, a gift from the W.M.S.(W.D.).

Among the many congratulatory messages received were communications from the Queen, the Prime Minister and other leaders in the Church and government. Mr. Edwin Hall, Presbyterian catechist serving the Birdtail Reserve, assisted by Chief Edward Bunn, conducted a service of worship on this happy occasion.

Mrs. Hanska has been active in the women's work of the Church since she was nineteen years of age. The furthest distance she has travelled from her Reserve home is to Portage la Prairie, to attend a Presbyterial meeting of the W.M.S., of which she has been a Life Member since 1889. She still enjoys good health, having retained all her faculties. She attributes her long life to the will of God, and to His goodness.

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NATIONAL STAFF NEWS

Congratulations are due MISS DOROTHY LUKES on the occasion of having received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Sir George Williams University at its Fall convocation. Miss Lukes has just completed her study furlough, having attended the School of Social Work, McGill University. She has been granted leave of absence, effective March 9th, in order to complete the studies necessary for her Social Work degree.

MISS ANNIE WILSON, of our

Chinese work in Vancouver, began her study furlough February 1st. She is spending it in San Francisco, where, in addition to concentrating on the study of the Chinese language, she is auditing courses at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all members of Study Groups at this Easter-Time, that, as they think of their Calling as Christians, they may have a new awareness of the true significance of Easter.

—For all who have been elected, or re-elected, to offices in Presbyterials and Synodicals, that each one may be conscious of the responsibility entrusted to her, and given the desire and strength to fulfil her duties.

—For all members of the National Staff, that throughout the Easter season they will be inspired anew, as they reveal Christ's ministry of love to all whom they serve.

—May their inspiration result in renewed interest and enthusiasm in the "Mission of the Church."

—For the people of India. Pray that, in these days of political and economic stress, they may be led to find new hope and new strength in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for our Missionaries and the Christian people of India, that God may be close to them even through the ravages created by famine.

—For the people of Nigeria. Pray that Christian leaders may be given strength and courage to lead the country into a deeper understanding of its destiny under God. Pray for the Missionaries and Christian people there, that through the Church the country may be blessed.

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BECAUSE

Because at early dawn of day,
From a new grave one troubled
spring
An angel rolled a stone away,
My soul must sing!

The resurrection and the life—
Still Easter hath its gift to give;
Though earth be full of death and
strife,
Great love must live!

(Author unknown)

In Remembrance

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
Mrs. Thomas (Myrtle) Dorrance	Westminster, Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma
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Mrs. Charles Sear	Knox, Carberry	Brandon
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Mrs. Herb. Wright	St. Andrew's, Perth	Lanark and Renfrew
Miss S. Haskell	St. Andrew's, Fenelon Falls	Lindsay
Mrs. Mary Chivers	Knox, Belmont	London
Mrs. Alex MacDonald	Presbyterian, Ashfield	Maitland
The Rev. T. E. Kennedy, B.D. (Life Member of W.M.S.)	Knox, Bluevale	Maitland
Mrs. Donald McLeod	Knox, Kincardine	Maitland
Mrs. M. McColl	Knox, Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
Mrs. E. McClellan	Knox, Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
Mrs. J. R. Thurlby	St. Andrew's, Stoughton	Regina
Miss Margaret C. Smith	Knox, Stratford	Stratford
Miss Margaret McGillawee	Knox, North Easthope	Stratford
Mrs. George W. Ledingham	Mount Pleasant, Vancouver	Westminster

(Mrs. Ledingham became President of British Columbia Synodical in 1928, and was an active W.M.S. worker all through past years.)

Mrs. H. C. Ritchie	First, New Westminster	Westminster
Miss Lydia Anderson (100 years old)	Knox, Stonewall	Winnipeg

IN THE LIGHT OF EASTER!

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

IT IS EASTER, and around the world those who profess the Christian faith observe the holy season in various ways. Great music will lift many hearts and bring assurance to many minds, as the words, "I *know* that my Redeemer liveth" ring out.

In Study Groups this year, many of us are considering seriously our calling as Christians. We are discussing such subjects as "Called for a Purpose", "Called to Proclaim", "Called to the Ministry of Reconciliation", "Called for the World." At this Easter time, let each one of us think of our theme "Mission: the Christian's Calling" in the Light of Easter, remembering that "it was not the good news of a holy birth but the good news of a holy resurrection" that the first Missionaries preached.

As we think of those first Christians, every one a Missionary, we cannot but realize the truth of the statement — "The chief characteristic of the first Christian century was its blazing conviction of Easter." Let us read again the account of the first Easter in the gospels (Matt. 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20: 1-18). Let us share with Mary and the other women their experiences at the sepulchre and in the garden, that, as they hastened, at the Master's command, to reassure the doubting disciples of their day, we may reassure the doubting disciples of today. As we read again the account of the first Easter, and think of what the happenings of that day meant to those who were there, let each one of us think — "What does Easter mean to me?" We read of the obedience and the haste with which Mary shared the wondrous news — "What haste do we show in sharing with our fellow men the news of the risen, living Christ?" How can we share? We think of ways, as we discuss in our local Groups. We think of sharing our convictions through words and deeds in our homes, in our daily work, as we associate with our fellow workers. In places where we cannot go, in Canada and other lands, we share through those whom we are able to send to help make known the joyful news of Easter.

In "The Word with Power" p. 32, Suzanne de Dietrich writes — "The function of this 'new race' spread all over the earth is to proclaim God's victory in Christ. Christ's coming is like the light of dawn shining over a world under the sign of death. The great Easter joy must be shouted all over the world. It is the triumphant Christ, our living Hope, whom his people must confess in word and deed, if the world is to believe; must confess as an active power that goes on changing lives, bringing people from darkness to light, here and now."

This year in our Study Groups, as we think of how we have been "called to proclaim", how difficult we find it is, sometimes, to share our thoughts and convictions even within our group of friends. We think we can not, that we do not know how. Let us remember that Christ not only called His followers "to proclaim" but He promised them "power" to do it. "You shall be my witnesses" — "You shall have power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

In 1964, when the World Presbyterian Alliance met in Frankfurt, Germany, the theme was the prayer — "Come, Creator Spirit" — a prayer for power. Those who attended were warned that it was a "risky" prayer to offer, unless we were prepared to take the consequences of it being answered, for the answer might require much of us.

Do we dare to pray in sincerity for the power which the Holy Spirit can give? Are we willing to take the risk, and the consequences, of having the prayer answered?

If the study, "Mission: The Christian's Calling", is really taken seriously in the Churches across North America this year, the results could be comparable to those evidenced in the early days of the Christian Church. Much depends upon our sincerity — Do we want to learn what is expected of us as followers of Christ?

Is the Joy of Easter so great to us that we are compelled to share that Joy, and radiate it in our daily lives?

In the Light of Easter — What is the Christian's Calling?

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EASTER DAWN

What is this word
From every singing bird?
He is risen! He is risen!
Christ our Lord.

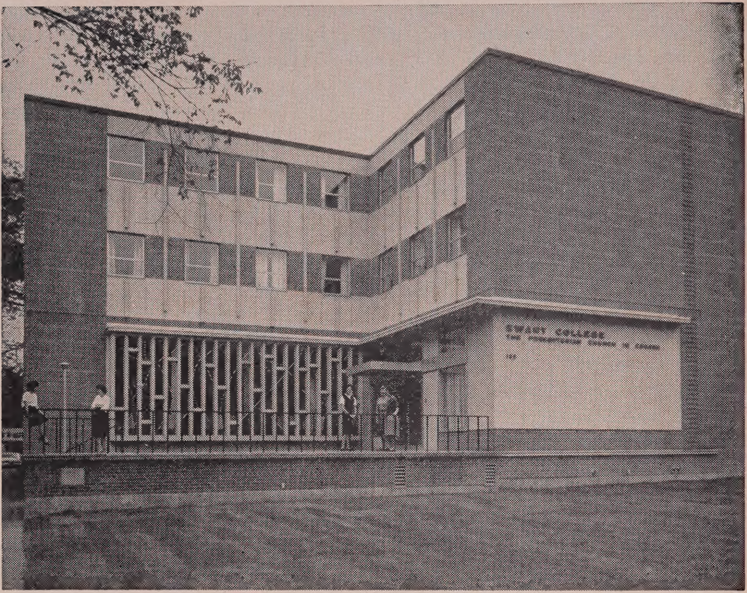
What is this sound
From the green ground?
He is free! He is free!
Who was bound.

What saith this bud
At the dawn's flood?
He liveth again
Flesh and blood.

Strange! Strange! How they sing,
Everything!
He liveth once more
Christ, our King!

(Selected)

EWART COLLEGE, TORONTO



ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday, May 9th, 1966, to Friday, May 13th, 1966, inclusive. The Theme of the Sessions will be the 2nd verse of Psalm 67 — "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations".

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centre 1966

Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

July 18-22, 1966

Purpose:

To provide opportunity for women, especially those carrying leadership responsibilities to grow —

- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in understanding of what is involved in Christian Mission in local areas, in Canada and around the world
- in ability as leaders

Please note that there will not be a W.M.S. Training Centre in this area in 1967. Do encourage as many as possible to take advantage of this Training Centre in 1966.

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You are asked to support the Church's India Famine Relief Fund. Money gifts, rather than small parcels, are preferable.

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THE W.M.S. AND THE G.B.M

by THE REV. DILLWYN T. EVANS, B.A.

Chairman of The General Board of Missions

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

IN THE WHIRLPOOL of ecclesiastical alphabetitis, W.M.S. and G.B.M. have been flying about for years. Sometimes we see them as completely unrelated. At other times they appear to have some connection; and yet at other times they seem to be thoroughly "mixed-up". (Yes, there will be a variety of interpretations regarding that last statement!) Out of the whirlpool, into the stream of the Church's life we see the Women's Missionary Society and the General Board of Missions in their true relationship. Let us look at that relationship in Home Missions, Overseas Missions and Missionary Education.

The Home Missions Executive of the G.B.M. meets each month to review the work, receive requests from Presbyteries for grants and personnel, and set plans for new work. This executive is made up of members of the G.B.M. and the W.M.S. (E.D.) and W.M.S. (W.D.). As a result of these meetings, matters arise which require study and consultation. These are turned over to committees for research and report to a subsequent Executive Meeting. When these committees are named, care is taken that W.M.S. and G.B.M. representatives are chosen.

On larger issues which have to do with Policy, reference is made to the Policy Committee. Here again all interests are represented with just slightly different personnel from the Executive.

The newest phase of the work, Church Extension, is based in the Home Missions Section of the G.B.M. The Church Extension Executive, like the others, is composed of members appointed from all three divisions.

This brief review of relationships shows, surely, that no action in Home Missions is planned, or taken, without consultation or review by all the Missionary agencies in our Church. Downtown or Inner City work, Frontier work, Ethnic work, Immigration, Church Extension and Mission Field work; all are administered, and planned together in co-operation with our Presbyteries in Canada.

The same guide-lines are followed in the Overseas Administration. To do this work, there are the Overseas Executive, the Overseas Joint Policy Committee, the Overseas Joint Candidates Committee. Each month, with representation of W.M.S. and G.B.M., Policy, Appointments, Grants, and a host of other matters are thoroughly considered, together. This underlines that there is no competition for, or duplication, in the appointment of overseas personnel. The findings of the Overseas Director and Secretary are shared fully with the Overseas Joint Policy Committee. The road to efficient administration and economic use of personnel is present in such organization.

As with Home Missions, so with Overseas; no action is planned or taken in isolation from the other agencies of Missionary Responsibility.

Missionary Education is slightly different. It is based in the G.B.M. but it is a Composite Committee on which several other Boards and Committees are represented. The W.M.S. and G.B.M. do have a significant voice in this area, and take joint action on policy and planning.

Over the years, there has been a steadily growing co-operation between these three missionary agencies. The future holds promise that this will continue. Can we see a day when the three will be one rather than the one, three? This is a question which is being talked about in many sections of our land and our church. Indeed, it is fair to say, that apart from the Finance Budgeting and receiving of funds, the three are now almost one. Many concerned people trust that this question will not be ignored. This concern is shared by members of the Woman's Missionary Society, as well as the male members of the Church.

This summer, the New Church Offices are to be opened. Here all our Administrative Offices will be under one roof. There is an interesting symbol involved in that, is there not? In a day when we are growing accustomed to changes, we need not be surprised at what can happen. The mobilization and deployment of the resources for Mission is a challenge. Would that this could be done under one administration wing, shared fully and freely by the men and women of our church.

The women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have given prophetic leadership in the field of Missions in the past. Their influence has had a profound effect in the Missionary policy of our church. They will be the ones who will lead us into the new day of an even more meaningful relationship between the W.M.S. and the G.B.M.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

For Easter Reading and Easter Giving!

THE DAY CHRIST DIED

By Jim Bishop

The first book, which I feel I must mention as superb reading at any time, but particularly so at the Eastertide, is not by any means a new book — it was first published in 1957 — but, if you have not yet read it, or wish to give someone a really precious gift, this is the book to choose. "The Day Christ Died", written by the well-known Author, Jim Bishop, is the moving chronicle of the day on which our Saviour, Jesus Christ, was crucified. It begins at 6 P.M. — the beginning of the Hebrew day — as Jesus and ten of the disciples walked together through the Pass between the Mount of Olives and the Mount of Offence, on their way to Jerusalem and the Last Supper. It ends at 4 P.M. on the following day, when the body of Jesus was taken down from the cross, and laid in the garden-tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea.

This is truly a *living* story of that day, which was, in time, to change the very course of history, and it is all factually true to the teachings and the records of the Bible. In the Chapters of this fine book, we seem to actually walk through that day with Christ — to feel His purpose, His love, His pain. Each Chapter is an hour of that day, and there are three background Chapters, which are also of great importance in the understanding of those times and peoples — "The Jewish World"; "Jesus", which traces the background of Jesus and of His family; and "The Roman World". This is a well-researched and very worth-while book. — Price — $7.00

THE MAGNIFICENT DEFEAT

By Frederick Buechner

The Author of this new book is not only a Presbyterian Clergyman, but a noted novelist as well. This is his first work of non-fiction, and it is a vivid and challenging piece of work indeed. He is a graduate of Princeton and Union Theological Seminary and at present is School Minister of Phillips

Exeter Academy. Of this book, Dr. Ralph Sockman has written — "Here is a book that is down to earth and up to God". It has also been said of him, "He can let the Bible speak." This he most certainly does in this book, through the three Themes he so thoughtfully presents — Part I — "The Challenge To Surrender; Part II — "The Triumph of Love"; Part III — "The Mystery and Miracle of Grace." Divisional headings under each Part are — "The Magnificent Defeat; In The Beginning; The Power of God and the Power of Man; The Two Battles; Message In The Stars; Journey in Search of a Soul; The Annunciation; The Birth; The End Is Life; The Road to Emmaus; The Tiger; Follow Me; The Me In Thee; The Breath of Life; To Be A Saint; The Breaking of Silence; Become Like Children; The Miracle At Hand."

Originally, this material was given before congregations largely of young people, but this book, as it is, is for all ages and all types of people. It is a book to be read over and over again, and more appreciated with every reading — Price — $3.75

MY GOD, WHY?

By Wallace T. Viets

This book is really a series of eight Lenten — Easter messages, which were presented to the Author's own congregation, all of which are relevant to the great questions, which were the "crucial questions" of the disciples in the closing days of Jesus' ministry. The first six of them were used as a basis for Lenten prayer and Study Groups and continue to be valuable material for those purposes, as well as for individual "thinking-out". The eight Chapters are "Is It I?", The Personal Question, (for the first Sunday in Lent); "Shall We Strike With The Sword?", The Question of Force (the Second Sunday in Lent); "What Is Truth?", The Academic Question (the Third Sunday in Lent); "What Shall I Do with Jesus, Who is Called Christ?" (Fourth Sunday in Lent); "My God, Why?" The Question from Suffering (Passion Sunday) "Who Is This?" The Question from the World. (Palm Sunday); "Why Do You Seek the Living Among the Dead?" The Question of Life (Easter); "Do You Love Me More Than These?" The Continuing Question, (Sunday after Easter). — Price — $2.50

HE SPEAKS FROM THE CROSS

By John Sutherland Bonnell

Dr. Bonnell, one of our outstanding Presbyterian Ministers who for many years served as Pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, is but one of the seven internationally recognized Protestant Clergymen whose wise interpretation of some segments of the powerful and everlasting message of the Crucifixion have been gathered together to comprise this splendid book. Each of these sermons deals in particular with some of the words of Christ from Calvary, their undying power and meaning, and their relevance in the troubled world, and to the troubled hearts of our time. — Price — $3.25

THE EASTER STORY FOR CHILDREN

By Ralph W. Sockman

As one might expect from so brilliant and well-known a Biblical student as Dr. Sockman, this 40-page book for children, from ages 7 to 10, is beautifully written and presented. Using the familiar Easter Symbols, the miracle of the rebirth of life in flowers and trees, and the keen observation which all children have, Dr. Sockman gives to the young minds a beautiful and wonderful understanding of what Easter really means. A lovely gift! — Price — $2.50

GLAD EASTER DAY

By Mary Edna Lloyd

This is a different type of Easter story entirely, for little folk from 3 to 6 years old. It tells how the children who knew and loved Jesus, when He was here on earth, rejoiced on the first glad Easter Day, when they knew that He was always with them in His love. Nicely illustrated. — Price — $1.65

THE FIRST EASTER

A real find for the Class teacher who is looking for a suitable Easter gift for the little pupils of her class — or indeed for anyone wishing an inexpensive present for a child at Easter time! Beautifully illustrated in full colour, this 16-page book tells the wonderful story of the first Easter Day in a delightful way, to which any child would respond — Price — 20c

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ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN!

PERHAPS you already know about the "Mary Alice Jones" series of religious books for children, but if you do not, it is a real joy to introduce you to each and every one of them, and to tell you that now they are available through our own Publications Department — and at amazingly low prices too! They are all beautiful to look at, with their lovely illustrations and bright happy colourings; they are of immediate interest to any child because of the charming manner in which the Bible Stories are told and presented; all are durably stiff-covered to stand up to much reading and looking at; and the Author is one of the best known and most highly regarded authorities in the field of religious education for children. She is a keen student of child psychology, and knows just how to tell these Bible stories so that they will have a vital meaning to the child, based on his own interest and experience. These books are new to our Publications Department and we are proud to recommend them to parents and teachers — indeed to anyone who wishes to give a gift-book to a child.

Beginning with the lovely small books for Little People, these cost nineteen cents apiece. "Friends of Jesus," the one I have in my hand right now, contains three stories in its twenty-nine 4½″ x 6″, pages, "Friends Who Had a Boat; Jesus, the Children's Friend; A Friend the Others Did Not Like." Not counting the attractive cover-picture, there are 30 beautiful coloured illustrations, many of these full-page. These are wonderful for the little remembrance many a Sunday School teacher likes to give her small class members at Eastertide; for loving Grandmothers to give their own Little People; for small neighbours; for little visitors who come — indeed for any wistful child anywhere!

Larger in size is the series of "Tip-Top Elf Books," all costing 35 cents each and all by the same Mary Alice Jones, who is Dr. Mary Alice Jones, B.A., University of Texas; M.A., Northwestern University; Ph.D., Yale University Divinity School; University of Edinburgh, Scotland. These illustrations are very fine also. Titles are : The Twenty-Third Psalm", an Interpretation; A Child's Thought of God; The Ten Commandments for Children; My Bible Book; Prayers and Graces for a Small Child; The Stories of The Christ Child; When God Imagined A World; My Prayer Book; and, I think About Jesus."

Another beautiful series by this same clever Author, offers a large 10″ x 8½″ book, with clear large type and many handsome pictures, in these Titles. — "Bible Stories for Little Children; Jesus and The Children; Prayers for Little Children; The Baby Jesus; Friends of Jesus; and God Loves Me." These cost 85 cents apiece. Books to be treasured always are the still larger "Giant Book" series — many of the Titles are repeated in these different series; the main difference lies in the size and the very fine coloured illustrations. These "Giant Books" come at $1.25 each, and are 13″ x 9½″ in size. These are really presentation books — "Stories of The Christ Child; God Is Good; My First Book About Jesus; and Prayers and Graces for a Small Child." All of these series are really tremendously good value at an extremely modest price — which means, of course, that many more happy gifts may be given to the children, not only for their great enjoyment, but for good religious education as well, and at a minimum strain on the pocket-book! (L.M.C.)

Easter Service of Worship

Arranged by Mrs. J. R. (Millicent) Waldie

(Mrs. Waldie is the Life Membership Secretary on Council Executive. Her husband is the Minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and she is a graduate of Ewart College. Mrs. Waldie is a Past President of London Presbyterial, and has always been an active worker in The Presbyterian Church of Canada, in which her late Father was a well-known Minister.)

Call to Worship—

"Jesus, stand among us
In Thy risen power;
Let this time of Worship
Be a hallowed hour."

Hymn No. 215—4 Verses.

"Jesus Christ is risen today,
Hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day,
Hallelujah!
Who did once, upon the cross
Hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss,
Hallelujah!

Scripture Reading—John 19; 38-42 and John 20; 1-18.

Meditation—

"Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid." After the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathaea, asked permission to take away the body of Christ. Permission granted, he placed the body in his own tomb. This tomb, we are told, was in a garden. What kind of a garden? No doubt it was a well-kept garden—the grass neatly trimmed; the flower-beds free of weeds; the air filled with the perfume of the flowers; the shrubs and bushes nicely shaped. It was a place of beauty, not unlike many another garden found in that neighbourhood. Yet, there was a difference. It was to become the centre of a world revelation. Its owner had met Jesus, and knew Him to be the promised Messiah. He was a believer, and that made all the difference.

Three days passed by. The little disciple band, frightened and perplexed, could not understand. Jesus, the One who, they had thought, would have redeemed Israel, was no longer with them. Three years previously, they had left all, and followed Him. With what results? Were these nerve-racking, soul-destroying experiences the harvest of their devotion to Him? Their plans and dreams were shattered; their highest aspirations wilted; their dearest desires faded away. For them, the garden had become a wilderness. But there was, springing up in that garden, the choice flowers of loving devotion of a few grief-stricken women — godly women who had stood not far from the cross—Mary Magdalene, and a few others, who would never forget what the Master had done for them.

Mary Magdalene, standing before the empty tomb, was so grief-stricken that she did not recognize the One beside her, until she heard Him say — "Mary!" Immediately, she turned, recognized Jesus, and answered—"Rabonni, Master!" Yes, it **was** her Risen Lord. The greatest miracle of all had become a reality. It is very significant to note that the sacred writers did not attempt to describe the process of the Resurrection. In John 19, verse 42, it is a dead body which is laid in the tomb, but, in the following Chapter—verse 16—it is a Risen Lord who is recognized. It is an event which is passed, but we can say, with Paul—"Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?"

The garden of gloom became the garden of joy, through the loyalty of a secret disciple; the labour of love of a few godly women; and the glorious victory of our Lord, over evil and death. We, who profess to be believers and followers of the one true God, through love must make known to those who are separated by aloneness, the good news that, because He lives, they too shall live, if they but accept Him, as their Risen Lord and Master.

Solo, if desired—or Hymn No. 214

"Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens; and earth reply.
Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
Lo! He sets in blood no more."

Offering

Offertory Prayer —

God, our Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, accept these gifts of our's. May they be used in the building up of Thy Kingdom, through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn No. 220 — 3 Verses

"The day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Prayer

Our Father, we thank Thee that Thou dids't send Thy Son into the world to redeem mankind from their sins. We praise Thee that He was not holden of death, but rose victorious from the grave. May we always remember the greatness of His love, and may we be ever willing to share that love with those in need of a Friend, a Companion, a Comforter, and a Saviour. Amen.

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EASTER VISION

"See the land, her Easter keeping
Rises as her Maker rose,
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices,
Fields and gardens hail the Spring;
Groves and woodland ring with voices,
While the wild birds build and sing."

—Charles Kingsley.

THE JOURNALIST

by MISS HELEN ALLEN

NEVER IN THE HISTORY of the world have there been so many opportunities for women. In the last half of the 20th century, a girl can make whatever she likes of her life.

We've come a long way since a young female had the choice of marrying a man selected by her parents, or of spending her life as an unpaid, and sometimes unwelcome, helper in some relative's household. Now we women can not only make our living, but we can do it the way we want to. There is no longer the necessity of accepting a particular career, whether one likes it or not.

With so many doors open to us, we can choose a life work that will provide an adequate income, and will give us satisfaction as well. Since a girl's job occupies a good part of her life, she owes it to herself to try to find one that will make her happy, as well as keeping her fed and clothed.

One of the greatest satisfactions in life is being able to help other people. Almost any career has opportunities for Christian service, though sometimes they are not immediately apparent and you may have to look for them.

Consider my own profession of journalism.

It has many branches — advertising, magazine work, public relations, radio and TV, newspaper work.

In every one of these, there are possibilities of making some worthwhile contribution to the community. Some of them are built around service organizations — as for instance doing publicity for the Red Cross. Or perhaps, there is the need to awaken the public to urgent needs in their own community, to report public affairs in such a way as to create action on the part of the reader.

A woman reporter has many opportunities to help people, some of them coming to her just because she is a woman. She may find herself writing that a hospital needs 13 million dollars, to expand its facilities for healing. Or that the Salvation Army is seeking $50,000, to make sure Santa will visit needy families. Or that some young parents and their four children are homeless, because of a disastrous fire that destroyed everything they owned.

The reporter herself will undoubtedly be stirred by all these needs, but unless she is more prosperous than most, she can't write a big cheque to help out. But she can write something even more valuable — warm, moving sentences that will impel her readers to send in thousands of dollars.

I, personally, have found tremendous satisfaction through a piece of newspaper work that is unique in Canada. For more than a year my paper, The Toronto Telegram, has been publishing pictures of children who have no homes or parents of their own — children who need to be adopted.

It started because the Deputy Minister of Welfare for Ontario, Mr. James S. Band, was concerned about the number of so-called hard-to-place children, who were not being adopted. They are children of mixed race, or with health problems, or past the appealing toddler age. Mr. Band sought the help of The Telegram in making the need known. Because I had done many previous welfare assignments, and was interested, I was chosen to look after this programme. I can say, truthfully, that in all my newspaper years nothing has ever been so rewarding.

We have used more than 200 pictures, and, though I have met very few of the subjects, I feel as though I know them all. We have had hundreds of letters from people eager to open their homes and hearts to these children. I cannot imagine anything so gratifying as knowing that I have been able to help more than 130 children find loving parents and a secure future!

I shouldn't give the impression that newspaper work is social service. It isn't, though sometimes the two fields can overlap. Newspaper work is fun. It's exciting. It gives one a chance to travel, and to meet people as various as convicted murderers, and Prime Ministers, and the Queen. Like any other job, it has its disappointments and frustrations.

But a girl who likes people, who doesn't mind hard work, who has enthusiasm, and a lively curiosity about everything, plus a desire to serve as a useful Christian in the world, would find it a good life.

(Miss Allen, a daughter and grand-daughter of the Manse, has been with the Toronto Telegram since 1929. Among the many areas in which she has worked are women's editor, movie critic, general reporter and political writer. She has covered national political campaigns and six Royal Tours. Now she finds it a full-time job to handle The Today's Child *series.)*

LOOKING AHEAD!

The year of Canada's 100th Birthday is fast approaching. To mark this birthday the Canadian Council of Churches, through its Committee on Missionary Education and Department of Christian Education, has undertaken the preparation of six attractive publications, on the general theme, "The Contribution of the Church to the Development of Canada."

These publications include five books by well-known Canadian writers — one for each age group — Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult — and an attractive map of Canada.

These books will be found in a number of the 1966-67 Programme Packets recommended for Study Groups, and will be very suitable for individual reading and gifts.

Watch for further publicity about them. Meanwhile, prepare for the 1966-67 Canada Study Year by keeping articles you find in newspapers, magazines, and books, which relate to the general theme.

EWART COLLEGE GRADUATION

Ewart College announces the following plans for the 1966 Graduation Service:

Place: The Chapel of Knox College
59 St. George Street
Toronto, Ontario

Date: Thursday, April 21, 1966

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Speaker: The Reverend Kenneth G. McMillan, B.A., B.D., D.D.
General Secretary,
Canadian Bible Society

Boys and Girls!

WHAT GOD HEARS!

by ANN PECKOVER

BEFORE SHE WENT TO BED, Debbie surveyed her new Easter outfit. Wasn't it a happy thing she had outgrown all her old dresses? Now she was sure she would be the best dressed girl in her Sunday School class!

She had picked up her new hat and was parading in front of the mirror when her brother saw her through the open door. "I'll bet you'll be looking all over church tomorrow to see if anyone has a nicer Easter outfit than you have," he remarked casually.

"There won't *be* any better ones," retorted Debbie, removing her hat and slamming the door. She snapped out the light, flounced into bed, and closed her eyes.

When she opened them, she found herself floating through the air, clouds and the earth below her. "Gracious! What's happened?" she wondered aloud. She noticed she was wearing a white robe instead of the nightgown she had worn to bed that night. "Don't tell me I've died and become an angel! It seems that way," she thought.

Suddenly Debbie was aware that Church bells were pealing forth the glad message of Easter. Below her she saw her own Church. "I think I'll fly down and listen to the service," smiled Debbie. Unseen, she floated into the building and sat up among the rafters. What fun to listen to the service from *above* the congregation!

The organ pealed forth tumultuously, and the people rose to sing. Debbie gripped the beam, ready to hear the jubilant singing of "Jesus Christ is risen to-day". To her great astonishment, Debbie heard only a few people singing! "That's strange," thought Debbie. She was even more surprised when she looked closer. The congregation which usually shook the rafters with its hearty music was only a bunch of people opening and closing their mouths!

Suddenly Debbie realized what was the matter. Perhaps the few people she could hear were the only ones who thought about what they sang. "I guess that's what *God* hears," muttered the new angel.

The hymn finished; the congregation sat down for Bible reading and prayers. But suddenly there was a colossal racket as if everyone in the church was speaking at once! The minister went on with the service, but all Debbie could hear was, "What a funny-looking hat Mrs. Jones has!" or "My dress is *much* prettier than Susan's." Debbie clapped her hands over her ears to shut out the noise.

"Is this what God hears?" wondered Debbie, remembering how her Sunday School teacher had said that God knows everything we say and think! The congregation *seemed* to be paying polite attention to the minister, but all Debbie could hear was raised voices, shouting how much better they were than their neighbours.

The next hymn was just as bad as the first. The prayers and the children's story were shouted down. "Maybe the sermon will be so interesting that the people will really listen to it," thought Debbie.

But when the sermon started, Debbie had to lean forward to hear anything from the minister, the shouting was so bad. She again clapped her hands over her ears to shut out the tumult. In doing so, she lost her balance on the rafter and fell down. Instinctively she shut her eyes. She landed on something soft. "Don't tell me I've landed on Mrs. Jones' feather hat!" she gasped, opening her eyes. As she looked about her, she saw that the Church and congregation had vanished. She had been dreaming in bed. What a dream *that* had been!

The sunlight streamed through the window as Debbie dressed. "Oh please God," she whispered, "if that's what you hear, help me to think only of the Church Service and its meaning, and not about my new Easter outfit!"

Then off she ran down the stairs, singing, "Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah!"

(*Adapted from a story told to the writer, when she was a small girl, by a visiting Minister, and remembered through the years.*)

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APRIL!

"Sunlight chasing clouds away
With gentle winds upsweeping,
And silver brooks that turn to lead,
And drop down leaping.
A boundless burst of sun again;
And hark! a jewel winging,
And, caged in golden wires of rain,
The bluebirds singing!"

Sir Francis Ibiam

STILL ANOTHER HONOUR FOR SIR FRANCIS!

SIR FRANCIS IBIAM, who is one of our most outstanding Presbyterian laymen, and a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, has been chosen to receive The Upper Room Citation for 1966 — and not because he serves with distinction as the Governor of Eastern Nigeria, or because he has been President of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Associations, but because he is known as one of the foremost contributors to the cause of World Christian Fellowship! This is the basis upon which The Upper Room Award is made each year, and it will be presented to Sir Francis Ibiam at an interdenominational dinner later in this year.

Sir Francis, (whom many in our Canadian Presbyterian Churches had the pleasure of meeting when he, and Lady Ibiam, visited Canada, and The Presbyterian Church in Canada, a few years ago,) is an outstanding Medical Doctor, holding the degrees of M.D. and L.L.D., and Lady Ibiam is a graduate Nurse. Both have given great and untiring service to their own people in

Nigeria, throughout the years, and, despite their many other duties, and obligations of State, energetically continue to do so. Sir Francis received his Knighthood from the hands of Queen Elizabeth, when she visited Nigeria officially in 1956. He is at present one of the Presidents of the World Council of Churches.

As a little lad of ten, Francis Ibiam was sent to the Hope-Waddell School, started in Nigeria by Scottish Missionaries, under the direction of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, where his older brother was also attending. From there, he went to Lagos to attend College, and later he took his University and Medical training at St. Andrew's University in Scotland. Returning to Nigeria, as a Medical Missionary, under the Church of Scotland, he started, at Aberiba in Eastern Nigeria, a small Hospital which, by 1937, had a Ward for 32 patients, and an Operating Room. Lady Ibiam, whom he married in 1939, was a clever young Nigerian girl of Lagos, who had trained in London, England, as a Graduate Nurse.

Together, they achieved wonderful results in the up-building and outreach of the Hospital, and in medical work among their people. Christian work among his own people inevitably meant for Sir Francis an active personal interest, as well, in Nigerian politics and policies, and in these fields his Christian viewpoint and influence soon became outstanding and important, both to the Nigerian people, and to Nigeria, as a Nation. In 1958, he presided over the first All-Africa Church Conference, and by 1960, Sir Francis had been appointed Governor of Eastern Nigeria by Queen Elizabeth. When Nigeria, in 1963, was granted her independence by Great Britain, Sir Francis Ibiam still continued in Office, and retained the honourable position of Governor.

And what is The Upper Room? The answer to that is well known to some ten million readers — of which, in all likelihood, you may be one! It is an interdenominational booklet, or "devotional guide", which is published in 36 different languages, in 42 editions, and distributed in 120 different countries. The Headquarters are in Nashville, Tennessee. The World Editor, over all these editions, is The Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, and he will personally present the Award to Sir Francis Ibiam, who will be the seventeenth person, in as many years, to receive this meaningful honour of The Upper Room Citation. Certainly no more worthy recipient has been, or ever could be, chosen! (L.M.C.)

WHEN EASTER COMES TO GHANA!

(This article appeared originally in a small publication, called "The Anglican Digest", which is published by the Episcopal Book Club, of Eureka Springs, Ark., U.S.A. It was written by the Bishop of Accra.)

"THE AFRICAN is a deeply religious person, and the people of Ghana are no exception. The way that the sacred events of Holy Week are commemorated year-by-year is evidence of that. Churches are always thronged on Palm Sunday. The green branches for the blessing, distribution, and procession, come from local palm trees, just as did the ones during our Lord's triumphant approach to the Holy City. There are many communicants, and the whole Service lasts well over three hours.

Evensong and sermon are well attended on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, of Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday, the rite begins with Evensong at seven o'clock. The Church is crowded, and when the Gloria in Excelsis is sung, many bells ring, both inside and outside the building. After the Gospel, the parish priest reads out the names of twelve men chosen for the ceremonial washing of the feet. As Bishop, I always preach the sermon, and perform the solemn foot-washing myself. While I do this, I silently pray that the act may be received by our Lord as reparation for sins committed by the white man against the African. The ceremony is very simple in Africa, where feet are often bare, and where self-consciousness is less than in my own country.

From after the Communion until Good Friday morning, hundreds take their turn in the Watch of the Passion. Societies, guilds, servers, and other groups, pray together; familiar hymns are sung throughout the night. By eight o'clock on Good Friday morning, the Church is packed to over-flowing. Many people, who are not Anglicans, attend — many faiths are represented. A choir, over fifty in number, leads the hymns; more than 600 people gather together to join in sincere worship. An hour or so after three o'clock, we gather together to form a Procession of Witness through the streets, joining with the Cathedral Parish, and with the Methodists and Presbyterians of Central Accra. We finally come to the City Square, where prayers are offered, that every soul in Ghana may come to acknowledge Christ as his Saviour. For eight hours, thousands of the faithful have offered their Good Friday devotions to our Lord.

On Easter Even, attendance is very much smaller, but at six-thirty, a goodly number of Christian people assemble for baptisms, and for renewal of baptismal vows. At this same time, the officials of the Church meet with those who have come to make sure that their annual Church Dues are paid in full by Easter. Thousands come to the early Communion Services on Easter morning. Few, if any, of our Churches can accommodate the great numbers who come, but, eventually all do receive Communion, and depart in joy and peace, having thus re-affirmed their faith in Jesus Christ, the loving Saviour, who gave His life for them.

The glorious singing; the gay colours; the solemn moments of the Service — all these are intensified because most of these people have made a reverent and serious effort to offer a devout observance of Lent and Holy Week. And on Easter Monday they dance — joyously and exuberantly, and filled with the joy of the Lord! For many hours, these Christians of Ghana dance through the streets of Accra. No one can doubt their jubilant faith and happy assurance that Christ *is* risen! For them, in particular — and for all the world — He is risen indeed!"

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THE RADIO VOICE OF THE BIBLE

THAT IS THE NAME of one of the most powerful radio transmitters in the world — often it is known as "The Messenger On The Mountains." It is located on the western outskirts of Addis Ababa, in Ethiopia, about 9,850 feet above sea level, and it is estimated that some *Thousand Million* listeners can, and do, tune in. This great leap forward in Christian communication in the Near East, was made at the end of February in 1963, when it was formally opened by the Emperor of Ethiopia, the well-known Christian Ruler of that land — Haile Sellassie. The primary aim of this Christian Radio Station is reflected in its Motto — "Proclaiming Christ to His world." — and it seeks always to confront non-Christians with the living Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to show the relevance of the Christian message to both personal and public life in this 20th Century. It tries, also, to assist developing countries in their efforts to educate, and to strengthen the evangelistic outreach of the Churches in these areas today.

This Christian broadcasting reaches into Ghana, Madagascar, Syria, Lebanon and Iran, and also Indonesia. In addition to this great Broadcasting Station in Ethiopia, The Radio Voice of the Bible depends upon 14 studios in many countries which produce programmes for their own area. Broadcasts continue for more than sixteen hours of the day, involve some 30 countries, and speak in 16 languages. Programmes are planned to be 70 percent educational and cultural, and 30 percent evangelistic, the aim being to make the Gospel relate to every aspect of public and private life. They go out in Ahmharic, Afrikaans, Arabic, English, French, Hauspa, Hindi, Malagasy, Myanja, Persian, Sethotho, Sinhalise, Swahili, Tamil, Telugu, and Zula. Fourteen world Newscasts are made daily in several languages, and great care is exercised by the Station to make these Broadcasts as reliable, balanced and objective as possible, and completely up-to-date. All the material used, except perhaps the news, is prepared in a Studio owned and operated by the Churches in the area to which the programme is beamed.

At the heart of this Christian broadcasting is, of course, the Bible — Christian radio and the Bible could no more be separated than could the Minister, and the copy of the Scriptures which lies on the pulpit before him. Radio catches the ear and strikes sparks of interest; it points to something beyond what can be heard and seen; it has a reality which becomes a tangible thing. One radio listener from Malawe wrote — "The body is fed with porridge, but now I am satisfied, as well, with the Word of God, which you give out daily!" Christian literature, particularly the Bible, in the printed form takes its reader by the hand, and leads him gently, but firmly, into the very thoughts and presence of God. The Christian Radio Voice, inevitably leads him there also. Indeed the natural reaction of many a radio listener is to want to learn more through the printed page. He hears something which speaks to the deep needs of his being. He understands instinctively that there *must* be a Book which will tell him more, and on which he can ponder when he has time. And so, from Ghana, recently came an order to the British and Foreign Bible Society for half-a-million copies of the Bible, for use in Schools; Madagascar has set up an independent Bible Society of its own; in Syria, Lebanon and Iran, the requests for the Scriptures increased by more than 30 percent last year, and in Indonesia, the Bible Societies are combining to set up a printing press to produce Scriptures within the country and thus overcome the import difficulties and meet the growing demand.

There is no doubt at all about the tremendous potentiality, and achievement, of Radio for Christian world witness today. Like "the messenger upon the mountains", of whom the Bible speaks, it brings "good tidings of great joy", publishes peace and salvation, and says to its listening world, "Thy God reigneth!" This is the common request from many countries, — "I am interested in learning about Christianity. Will you send me some books on the subject?" And always the Bible Societies can do just that, knowing full well that there is no substitute for a copy of the Bible personally opened and read.

This great Radio Transmitter, "Voice of the Gospel" is operated by the Lutheran World Federation, with its headquarters in Switzerland, but 50 percent of its broadcasting time is given to such Affiliated bodies as the All Africa Conference of Churches; the East Asia Christian Conference, and Near East Council of Churches. Ethiopia was chosen for the location of a Christian Radio Station because it was an independent Christian nation, many centuries old; plenty of electric power was available; airline facilities were excellent; the climate was good. Just at this same time, the near East Christian Council was also in Ethiopia, looking for a broadcasting site, and an agreement was made which ultimately became the beginning of the Co-ordinating Committee for International Broadcasting, through which this powerful Station was set up to reach great areas of Asia and Africa, with their millions of people. Now, the delivered airmail from many parts of Africa, the Near East, and South East Asia, averages six-and-a-quarter miles of recording tape, which will pass through the machines of Radio Voice of the Gospel every day! Some of the Studios report receiving from 200 to 300 letters every week from interested listeners! "Mission", we are told "belongs to the essence of Christ's Church." Radio Voice of the Gospel surely is in the centre of this task, as it seeks to be faithful to its mission of evangelism and education, and to serve as a strong arm of the Church throughout Africa, Asia, and the Near East.

(Adapted)

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TOGETHER!

Together we must right the wrong,
Together greet the glad new day,
And Christ, who meets with two or three,
Will walk with us along the way.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The Leaders of C.O.C., Explorers, and C.G.I.T. Groups were guests of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* at a Christmas Luncheon, convened by Social Convener, Mrs. O. R. Hannah, and her Committee. President, Mrs. Ellis, presided at the Meeting which followed, when Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., recently returned from her many years of Missionary work, under the W.M.S., in *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker. Reports from the various Secretaries were presented during the Business Session.

At the January Meeting of this Auxiliary, Miss Lily Simpson conducted the Devotional Period, and the Minister, the Rev. Harry Lennox, addressed the Group, and conducted the Installation of the 1966 Executive. Mrs. Lyall McGlashen introduced the new Study — "Mission — The Christian's Calling", and a Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Service.

At the first Meeting of the New Year, Mrs. J. A. Davidson, on behalf of the members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of West Vancouver Presbyterian Church, presented a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to Mrs. S. L. McIntyre, the faithful Secretary and Treasurer of this Group. Annual Reports were read, following the Meeting at 11 A.M., and at 12-30, lunch was served and a time of fellowship enjoyed.

At the Morning Service of Knox Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* a Memorial Presentation in remembrance of the late Miss Mary Oswald was made, when members and friends of the W.M.S. Auxiliary presented two books for the Jean Oswald Memorial Library, and these were dedicated by the Minister, the Rev. V. E. Ford. Mrs. Hobbis gave a brief summary of this Auxiliary, pointing out the many ways in which Miss Mary Oswald had served her Heavenly Father through the work of the W.M.S., for over fifty years, and Mrs. Asplund read the excerpt from November Minutes which recorded that "in loving memory, and in honour of Miss Mary Oswald, the name of this W.M.S. Group was changed from Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary to The Mary Oswald Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, New Westminster".

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Convened by Miss Edna Sproule, the Elizabeth Rae W.M.S. Group of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* held an *Austerity Dinner,* for their Annual Banquet, with the proceeds going to the Bhil Field Famine Fund. The new Officers were installed by Mrs. K. C. Doka, with President, Miss Ellen Birtles, elected for her second term. A Life Membership Pin was presented to Miss Marguerite Fraser, and coloured slides were shown by Mrs. Murdo Nicolson.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Pearl Crouse, the new President, was in the President's Chair for the first time at the February meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton.* Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, presented Programme I of the new Study Packet — "Mission — The Christian's Calling". A special guest, who was warmly welcomed, was Mrs. George Milson, the new Presbyterial Secretary for Evening Groups.

The Annual Meeting of *Edmonton* Presbyterial was held in Strathcona Presbyterian Church, with President, Mrs. G. E. O. Scott, presiding. Mrs. E. Kreiger, of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* conducted the morning Devotional Period and Mrs. J. Macdonald of Rupert Street Church, *Edmonton,* gave the Afternoon Devotional. Committee reports were presented during the morning and afternoon Sessions, and Mrs. J. A. Macrae presented an interesting account of "A Weekend at Camp".

Luncheon was served by the Heather W.M.S. Evening Group of Strathcona Presbyterian Church, followed by the presentation of greetings from the Rev. J. E. Bigelow, S.T.M., for *Alberta* Synod; from Presbytery, by the Rev. G. J. MacWillie, B.A.; and from Synodical by President, Mrs. G. O. Milson. Mr. S. Kashijama, a young Korean who is attending the University of *Alberta,* was Guest Speaker. The Rev. I. P. MacSween, B.A., Minister of Strathcona Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton* conducted the Installation of Officers for 1966. Mrs. A. C. Schoepfer, of *Chauvin,* and Miss Mary Kirker, of *Olds,* two out-of-town guests were specially welcomed. Tea was served at the close of the meeting by the Guild of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton.* Officers for 1966 are President, Mrs. C. M. Williams; Mrs. W. W. McHargue, Vice President; Miss J. Birrell, Secretary; Miss M. McCallum, Treasurer — all of *Edmonton.*

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REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The Calvinettes, the W.M.S. Afternoon Group of Knox Presbyterian Church *Yorkton, Saskatchewan,* had a very successful year under the guidance of President, Mrs. Frances Draper. At one Meeting, Miss Merle McGowan, Missionary from *British Guiana,* told of her work there, and showed interesting slides of the country and the people. In October, a team of four ladies from Regina Presbyterial visited the Yorkton Group, explaining the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), its history and its aim, and the many far-reaching facets of the W.M.S. work at home and abroad. Hymnals were presented to the Church in memory of Mrs. Mary Nedbalek, a faithful member of this Group and the Calvinette Group joined the Ionian Group in the presentation of a runner for the Communion Table, in memory of the late Mrs. J. Sharp, another member. Christmas gifts were sent to the Indian School at *Birtle, Manitoba;* parcels given to two Meti families in the District; and many visits were made to sick and shut-in members of the Church. Though only 12 in number, the Calvinettes are a very active Group, which makes many contributions to the work of the W.M.S. and the Church.

At the Annual Meeting of *Regina* Presbyterial, Miss Hildur Hermanson, for more than 30 years a W.M.S. Missionary in *Formosa,* was the Guest Speaker. The Theme of this Annual Meeting, held in First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* was "Mission — The Christian's Calling", and Miss J. C. Williamson Presbyterial President welcomed the many delegates. Following the Buffet Supper on the Opening Night, the Rev. P. McKague, Moderator of the Presbytery of *Assiniboia,* brought greetings, and also reported for the Camp Committee, and Mrs. W. G. Smith, Synodical Vice-President, brought greetings from Saskatchewan Synodical.

President, Miss Williamson, chaired the Evening Session in the Church, and the Rev. Ian S. Wishart conducted the Worship Service and Installation of Officers. Soloists were Misses Joan McPherson and Winnifred Mayer, who sang a duet. At the following morning Session, Rev. Mr. Wishart gave the Opening Devotional Service, and Secretarial Reports were given by Mrs. D. Morris, Mrs. I. S. Wishart, Mrs. H. R. Boon, Mrs. W. G. Smith, Mrs. G. E. Duncan, Mrs. J. B. Millar, Mrs. M. White, Mrs. A. C. Marshall, and Mrs. W. A. Wilson — all of Regina; Miss Lyle Smith, of *Moosomin,* Mrs. I. Wenman, of *Whitewood,* and Mrs. A. Emslie of *Qu'Appelle.* Delegates from *Kipling* gave the closing Prayer.

After the noon luncheon, the *Yorkton* delegates conducted the Worship Service, followed by a Service of Remembrance. Workshops and Discussion Groups filled the Afternoon, and Miss M. White gave her impressions of the W.M.S. Training Centre held in *Calgary.* Refreshments were served by the Edna Bell W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. Norman D. Kennedy was Organist; Mrs. J. H. Smith was in charge of Registration, and Mrs. L. Wood in charge of billeting.

Miss Hermanson, in her fine Address, told of going to her work in *Formosa,* when it was under Japanese domination and Missionaries were not permitted to work among the people, and she sketched the progress made in Christian work there in the years between. "The Japanese never interfered with our medical work, which had been carried on by our Mission from the start, along with teaching and preaching" said Miss Hermanson. In the beginning, she taught the Nurses in the Presbyterian Mission Hospital, later she worked among the Mountain people, and during the last two years her time was devoted to teaching public health and hygiene in the Mountain villages, where so many of the people are now strong Christians, although in the beginning, some 36 years ago, these aboriginal tribes were headhunters. In the past 20 years the Formosan Presbyterian Church has established some 400 little Churches and preaching Stations in these mountains of Formosa. The 100th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Mission in Formosa was celebrated last year.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL—The December Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* was held in the Chapel of the Church, with President Mrs. J. A. Andrews presiding. In the lovely Christmas setting, the Rev. James Peter Jones, B.D. gave the beautiful Christmas message, and Miss Lillian Bain was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. J. G. Milliken. Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Lawrence, read a most interesting letter from Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., returned Missionary from *Formosa.* On behalf of the Auxiliary, Mrs. C. M. Bainard presented an Honary Membership to Mrs. J. A. Andrews; a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. A. M. Thompson, and Mrs. M. Mowatt presented to her a Life Membership Pin.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur, Ontario,* held a "Pot Luck Supper" at the home of Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell. During the evening, Mrs. J. Fraser, on behalf of the Group, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. Mitchell, in appreciation of her active work and loyal support for the Auxiliary, through the years.

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* was chaired by President, Mrs. W. J. Comba, and the Installation of Officers for 1966 was conducted by the Minister of the Church, the Rev. J. C. Hood, B.D., who gave an interesting Address on "Missions". The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. W. J. Comba, and Mrs. W. A. Bragg. Annual Reports were given by Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Amie Yule, Mrs. D. H. MacDonald, and Mrs. Robert Smith. The Speaker was thanked by Mrs. Stirrett.

President, Mrs. Gladys McDougall, presided at the Meeting of Superior Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* when plans were made to hold the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* in February. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. T. B. Birch and Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell. Annual reports were read by the various Secretaries — Mrs. T. B. Birch, for Afternoon Groups; Evening Groups, by Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell; Girls' Groups by Mrs. W. D. Murray, Children's Groups, by Mrs. G. N. McCutcheon; Literature, by Mrs. C. W. Cook; Welcome and Welfare, by Mrs. W. G. France; Supply, by Mrs. G. W. Hosegood; Glad Tidings, by Mrs. Jean Lindsay; Home Helpers, by Mrs. Austin Grant; Press, by Mrs. A. W. Cameron; Life Membership, by Mrs. J. G. McKirdy; Historian, Mrs. J. D. Hood; Treasurer, Mrs. Rachel Hillier. The Meeting closed with Prayer, following which refreshments were served by Mrs. Gladys McDougall, Mrs. Rachel Hillier, and Mrs. Ian McKay.

When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* held a Special Meeting in Grant Hall, Mrs. H. T. Johnston presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. W. M. Miller, President of the Iona Guild, and Mrs. James Shanks, Jr., President of the Evening Guild. The Guest Soloist was Mrs. Frances Cava, accompanied by Mrs. A. H. McEwen.

Mrs. H. T. Johnston introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., who having spent 34 years in Formosa, as a Missionary Nurse under the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., is now retiring from that work after her long years of dedicated service. Miss Hermanson told of her work, and her many types of experience, both in Hospital Work, and in work among the women and children of the Mountain Tribes, and illustrated her Address with colourful and informative slides of that lovely land and its people. Mrs. C. W. Cook presented the appreciation of the Meeting, and the Rev. Ronald Witt, B.A., of *Port Arthur* closed the Meeting with Prayer. Refreshments followed, served by Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie, and Mrs. James Shanks, Sr.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Presbyterian Women's Annual Day of Prayer was held at First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* on the evening of January 6th, under the auspices of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial, with President Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon presiding, and conducting the Devotions. The Theme of the Meeting was from Isaiah 43, verse 10—"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen" — and seven Presbyterial members led in the prayers. Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., now returned from her many years of work as our W.M.S. Missionary Nurse in *Taiwan, (Formosa),* was guest Speaker and told of her work among the women and children of the Hill Tribes, as well as her Hospital and Public Health work there. Refreshments were served at the close of the Meeting and the men of the Presbytery, whose Meeting was also held that night in this same Church, joined the members for a Social Hour.

The C.G.I.T. and Explorers Groups of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial held a Rally in Westwood Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* to hear Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., tell of her many years of dedicated work in *Formosa,* and to enjoy the splendid coloured pictures she showed of the people with whom she had worked for so long. All organized Groups were represented at the Rally. Miss Hermanson, who wore the lovely satin dress presented to her by one Chinese family just before she left, answered many questions about her work there, and the people with whom she lived and worked, when, at the close of the Rally, a Social Hour was enjoyed, and the girls had the opportunity of meeting and chatting with Miss Hermanson. She also showed them many interesting souveniers of her years in *Formosa.*

In January a Supper was held in the Oak Room of the St. Regis Hotel, *Winnipeg,* by the members of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial in honour of Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., who after her long years of devoted Missionary work in Formosa will not be returning to that field of work. Mrs. A. H. McKay, President of *Manitoba* Synodical presided, and Miss Hermanson showed many slides of her work and life in *Formosa,* which gave a graphic description of the work which had been done in *Formosa,* and presented a challenge to the work which still waits to be done there by the Society.

Miss Lydia Anderson, one of the fine old Presbyterian pioneers of Western Canada, who for the past three years lived in the Brandon Nursing Home in *Winnipeg,* passed away on January 25th, 1966, just fifteen days after her *100th* Birthday, which she celebrated with great keeness of mind and real happiness, and with treasured greetings from a host of friends who had known and loved her through the years. In a newspaper account of that Birthday celebration, we read — "looking pretty on her 100th Birthday, in pink flowered bedwear, and gossamer knitted jacket, Miss Anderson looked over, with great interest, the messages of congratulation which had come to her from Queen Elizabeth; the Governor General; the Lieutenant Governor; the Premier; and Mayor Juba."

Born in the *Paisley Block,* near *Guelph, Ontario,* Miss Anderson was the youngest of 13 Anderson Children who came with their parents to the New Province of *Manitoba* in 1873, where they settled, first in *Old Kildonan,* then, in 1882, moved to the *Stonewall District.* Three of the family married into Selkirk Settlers descendant's families —Harpers, Murrays, and McBeths —but Lydia, who became a Milliner, kept a store in *Stonewall,* with an older Sister Annie, and there the hats Lydia designed and trimmed, and other "fancy goods", of the time, made colourful displays in the big front window. Supplies for the popular store were bought from the Wholesale Houses in *Winnipeg*. Now that old Anderson Store, so well remembered by surviving old-time customers, has become the *Stonewall* Post Office.

Miss Anderson, during those busy years, taught Sunday School at *Stonewall* Presbyterian Church. One of her pupils was Alan, the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. N. McLeod, who, in the First World War, was awarded the Victoria Cross, but came home to die of Flu, when he was only nineteen years old. For many, many years, Miss Lydia Anderson served as the President of the Afternoon W.M.S Auxiliary of *Stonewall* Presbyterian Church, and she was always an active helper in all the activities of her Church. All her life, she loved to read, and her big old house in *Stonewall,* shut up ever since she came to *Winnipeg,* is still full of sets of Dickens and Scott, and many bound volumes of "Sunday At Home", sent out regularly from *Scotland* as acceptable family Sabbath reading for the strict Presbyterians of those early days. Many of these were bound by her Grandfather Brydon, in *Ontario,* from the leather he tanned from his own sheep.

Now, after 100 full and wonderful years of living, Lydia Anderson has been laid to rest with her own pioneer kinfolk in the family plot in *Stonewall* Cemetery. The funeral service was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Stonewall,* with the Rev. E. Wannamaker officiating. The sympathy of the Society is extended to the ten nieces and five nephews who kept in regular touch with her; to all her friends in *Winnipeg* Presbyterial; and to all who knew and admired this fine old Presbyterian lady, throughout her Church and her Community.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. D. T. Evans, B.A., Chairman of the General Board of Missions, spoke at a recent Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Owen Sound,* regarding the serious famine conditions in *India,* stressing the fact that the Presbyterian Church in Canada has sent $5,000, and is conducting a Campaign for the *India Famine Relief Fund* throughout all our Churches, in co-ordination with the plans of other Denominations, working together through the Canadian Council of Churches. Mr. Evans told, also, of his attendance at the Centennial Celebrations of The Presbyterian Church of *Formosa,* in which some 50,000 Formosan Christians took part.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The Mary McKenzie and the Afternoon

W.M.S. Auxiliaries of *Valetta* Presbyterian Church held a joint Meeting, with Mrs. B. M. Moore, *Blythewood,* Presbyterial Literature Secretary, the Guest Speaker. Mrs. Moore had an interesting Book Display from the Publications Department, and also told of the worthwhile week she spent at the W.M.S. Training Centre, held in Albert College, *Belleville*.

Mrs. Roy Leckie, *Puce,* Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary, on behalf of the Alexander Bartlet W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* at a recent meeting presented Honorary Memberships to Miss Gertrude Robertson, and Miss Ethel Kennedy. At the Christmas Meeting of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church, Mrs. J. B. McAlpine presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. J. O. Haugh.

Presbyterial President, Mrs. F. A. Creasey, presided at both Sessions of the Annual Meeting of Chatham Presbyterial, held in Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Chatham,* and Miss Isabelle McConnell, for many years our W.M.S. Missionary on the *Bhil Field, India,* conducted the In Memoriam Service. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. W. S. Reid, of *Guelph,* was introduced by Mrs. Donald Mackay. Mrs. Reid, who is a member of Council Executive, spoke on "The Place of Christian Missions In A Changing World", and told of the highlights of a recent tour of our W.M.S. Mission Fields Overseas by Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions for the W.M.S. With the advancement and progress made by science, education, communication, and industry throughout the world, in those countries which now have their independence, or are seeking to have it, Missionaries may need to change their methods and leadership approach to one of an advisory capacity. Mrs. C. M. Anderson thanked the Speaker.

Convened by Mrs. D. B. Mackay, Workshops were conducted at the evening Session — "How To Conduct a Bible Study", by Mrs. David McDowell; "How To Conduct a Mission Study", by Mrs. T. G. M. Bryan; "How To Conduct a Business Meeting", by Mrs. Donald MacInnes; and "How To Plan A Year's Programme", by Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary. These were well attended, and proved informative. Mrs. O. J. Powell presented the Slate of Officers for 1966, and Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary of Hamilton and London Synodical, conducted the Installation Ceremony.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. R. S. Burnham, President of Hamilton and London Synodical was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial. The Theme of the Meeting was "Courage", and the Sessions were opened by a Communion Service, conducted by the Rev. Wm. Weir, B.A., B.D., of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Strat-*

ford, and the Rev. J. P. Arbuthnot, of the Presbyterian Church, *St. Mary's,* Ont. In her Address, Mrs. Burnham spoke of the drought, famine, and political unrest in *India,* which made anxious times for our Missionaries on duty there; explained the purpose and policy of the W.M.S. Legacy Fund, and stressed the importance of this always being kept well in funds, and the Supply Fund as well, since both are used for definite and essential needs.

The 91 Delegates present retired to the Sunday School Room of the Church to hear the Annual Reports. President, Mrs. H. G. Nickel, of *Listowel,* presided. Mrs. Earl Padington spoke to the Literature Report, telling of the Workshop on the 1966 Study Book, held in *Milverton* last Fall; Mrs. I. McTavish presented the "Glad Tidings" Report and Secretary, Mrs. Mae Thompson, gave the Report of Life Memberships. Mrs. Alex Fryfogel, Evening Department Secretary, reported the Biennial Conference in *Toronto,* and the June Conference and Evening Rally, held in *Avonton.* Mrs. R. W. Ballantyne reported that ten C.G.I.T. Groups had celebrated the C.G.I.T. 50th Anniversary, and Mrs. M. Lamond reported for Children's Groups. Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Aitcheson, gave the Home Helpers Report; Mrs. Calder McKaig, in her Welcome and Welfare Report, told of many visits made; and Mrs. B. McIntosh, Secretary for Afternoon Groups, reported that many of these Groups were supporting an orphan, either in *Formosa,* or *Korea.* Mrs. J. Ballantyne gave an interesting account of the Centennial celebrations of *Cromarty* Presbyterian Church last August. The Library Report was presented by Mrs. J. Dickson. In charge of Devotional Periods were Mrs. Near and Mrs. R. Aitcheson, with Miss Edna Leckie at the piano. Mrs. Elwood Roe dedicated the Offering. The Officers for 1966 were installed by the Rev. J. P. Arbuthnot, of *St. Mary's.*

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WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Albion Gardens Presbyterian Church, *Rexdale, Ontario,* recently met at the home of Mrs. M. E. Willis, the first President of this W.M.S. Group, when a happy and moving ceremony took place. To honour Mrs. Willis, and in gratitude for her sincere leadership and service to this Organization, to her Church and her Community, this Group of W.M.S. workers was named "The Mary E. Willis Auxiliary of the W.M.S., of Albion Gardens Presbyterian Church, *Rexdale.*" President, Mrs. V. Persson presented a book to Mrs. Willis to mark this occasion, which took place on the 80th Birthday of Mrs. Willis. The presentation was followed by a brief Address by Mrs. F. Holdsworth, of Coldstream Presbyterian Church *Toronto*, a friend of Mrs. Willis of long standing, in which she told of many experiences they had shared, and stressed the sincere devotion Mrs. Willis had always given to her Church and her God, wherever she might be. "Our Auxiliary bearing this name", she said, "will have a constant reminder that Service and Ministry should always be our goal." Refreshments and a delectable Birthday Cake were enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

At the February Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* Mrs. O. J. Davies' Group was in charge of the Programme, whose Theme was "Prayer". President, Mrs. R. P. McLean occupied the Chair, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. de Castro, Mrs. McLean, and Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry. Guests were welcomed at the door by Mrs. Davies, Immediate Past President, and Mrs. de Castro, the newly-elected Recording Secretary. Mrs. Davies read an interesting account of the history and work of Vellore Christian Medical Hospital in India. President, Mrs. McLean announced the Annual Meeting of West Toronto Presbyterial, in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Toronto;* the World Day of Prayer Service held in Parkdale district this year at Parkdale Baptist Church; and led in a discussion of the Supply Fund, with suggestions of money gifts, as well as clothing contributions.

The Guest Speaker of the Afternoon was Mrs. W. Warner, who came recently, with her family, from *St. Kitts Island,* in the *British West Indies,* and is now a member of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S., and of the Choir. Introduced by Mrs. O. J. Davies, Mrs. Warner gave a fascinating account of this beautiful little Island, some 68 square miles in area, which is located in the Caribbean Sea 920 miles south-east of *Jamaica,* and quite near to *Antigua.* Because *St. Kitt's Island* was discovered in the 16th Century, first colonized by Britain in 1623, and once under French rule, it is known as "The Mother Colony of the South Seas". Some 38,000 people dwell on this lovely little "gem of the Caribbean", with its beautiful beaches, tropical fruits and flowers, and profitable export crops of sugar and cotton. "Nights are always cool in St. Kitt's", said Mrs. Warner "and the waters are always blue. Each five years there is an election and a new Administrator is appointed." Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry thanked the Speaker for the delightful picture of tropical warmth and loveliness she had brought to her hearers, on a snowy February day in *Canada.* Tea was served at the close of the Meeting with Mrs. Irwin officiating at the tea-urn.

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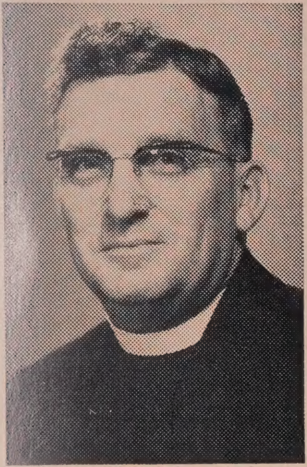

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"LIVE IT UP!"

By

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PSALM 67, with its plea for God's mercy, jumps for joy. The people, and the nations, are called to "live it up," because God is their King. Joy and blessing are the expression of confidence in God's righteous judgement. All this would seem to be the motivation for mission, "that thy way may be known upon the earth, thy saving health among all nations."

In our day, we need to recover this liveliness of the true faith. Lacking it, we are dead. No wonder we are so slow in seizing the opportunities to proclaim the faith. The Psalmist has a word for us today, "live it up!"

Begin in our congregational life. How do we face the prospect of the coming Sunday? Is it with exhilaration, as we anticipate being with our brethren? Are we excited at the thought of sharing with them the powerful presence of the Living God? Or do we say, "oh well, we'd better go, if we stay away nobody will be there?" Yet here, in the public worship of God, we have a transforming experience. Our Lord has promised to be there. He will accompany us, not only in the activity at Church, but will go with us into the new week. We come to worship; we go out to serve. Both are filled with great potential for life. What a pity we miss it! Publicly, to hear the Scripture read; to offer prayer; to hear the proclamation of the Gospel; to offer our gifts; and to sing the songs and anthems of the faith—these ought to waken in us the joy of the faith, and the zeal to tell it to the world.

From that base, we are then ready and anxious to meet the many opportunities at hand. Then, we can lead the Group; participate in the Discussion Panel; organize that Project, and see it through. Knowing that you "have seen the Lord," you are a living and lively soul.

Looking at our society today, we believe the Psalmist would remind us that the same life and joy are available for our family life too. After we have read all the diagnoses of family ills, we are impressed that nearly all indicate a lack of joy. Have we not heard of the mercy and the blessing of the Lord? This is a vital family affair. God is there to bless. Acknowledge Him in our home, and we will see Him everywhere—on the job, in our recreation, and in all the deep places of our daily life. It is still true that the family which prays together, stays together. As we sit together at the table, do we say grace? At that time, we can seek God's blessing for ourselves and others, in a way that is so helpful. Then, as we go our separate ways, we are bound together by the One who knows us, as we are, for we have opened up our lives to Him. And that is true.

If this is our experience, then we cannot help but share it. This sharing is what we know as "the Mission of the Church." It starts with us, where we are. But it cannot stay there! This is for the whole world, to make man, and the nations, whole.

Let us "live it up," in the world. We have something to say that will encourage. We have something to give that will alleviate. We have something to do that lightens the load. Having heard, we must speak. Having seen, we must share. "Go tell it on the mountains, over the hills, and everywhere!" It seems so unbelievable that so many of us, who protest that we believe in the Living God, have to be coerced into action that would speak of that belief.

Thank God for the many who, day by day, need no coercion. Oh, the joy and life which generates from those lives in Mendha and Barwani; at Jobat and Jhansi; on the mountains and plains of Formosa; in the bustling progress of Tokyo and Osaka; in the upheaval at Lagos and Calabar; and in the emergence of nationhood in Georgetown, and the counties of British Guiana. Every day, in the name of Christ, in these, and so many other places, lives are touched and saved, because some from among us live out their faith.

Canada, too, is in the world! Canada wants to hear of the Lord's doings. Others among us are down in the Inner City, and on the frontiers of this broad land; and also through the rural areas and in suburbia. What a magnificent responsibility is ours—if only we could grasp it!

Read again Psalm 67. See the writer simultaneously seeking God's presence, and praising Him, because He is with him. When it dawns on him—this is how the nations will know of the Lord! This how the people will rejoice, and praise His name. As they see His mercy toward me, they will bless His name.

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" Can we recapture that joy? Are we committed to that Living Lord? It should show! It should be written all over us, in such a way that God will receive the glory. Let us "live it up!"

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WHAT MOST I PRIZE

by Mona Westergaard

Grey dusk is falling, and the song-bird wings
Her homeward way amid the gath'ring gloom.
All earth is silent now, and I, to whom
The day with all its cares and duties brings
Small time to heed the charm of simple things—
The quiet beauty of a homely room,
The wonder of an almond-tree in bloom,
Soft, summer rain, or wind that soughs or sings,
Find time for thought, and fling my fancies wide;
So much I crave; yet, by my love made wise,
I would not change the tenor of my life
Though many seeming pleasures be denied,
Lest, changing, I should lose what most I prize—
The joy of being woman, mother, wife!

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(For the Prayers appearing on this Page of our May issue, we are indebted to Miss Ruby Walker, Deaconess on our National Staff, who is, in addition to her other duties at St. John's Presbyterian Church, in East Toronto Presbytery, the Hospital Visitor at the Riverdale Hospital for Chronic and Convalescent Patients, in Toronto. Miss Walker was requested to prepare the Prayer for the May "Glad Tidings," but she has, instead, been able to arrange for us the real privilege of publishing these two Prayers—the first one written by one of the younger patients in the Hospital; the second one written by one of the Hospital Nurses. We feel sure that these will be widely used and appreciated throughout our Society. Ed.)

PRAYER

(Miss Thelma Armstrong, who has been a patient in Riverdale Hospital for Chronic and Convalescent Patients, Toronto, Ontario, for over four years, has prepared this special Prayer for the readers of our "Glad Tidings" this month.)

Our Heavenly Father, Who has providential concern for all, we come to ask You for Your Divine blessing. As we approach the Spring season, our hearts are like the trees and flowers, eager to blossom forth in our chosen field.

Please, dear God, grant to us Thy wisdom, that we may serve You well. Teach us to lead our daily lives with knowledge, strength, and compassion.

May we be guided by Your Presence, and may we always be mindful of our many blessings. Strengthen our minds and bodies, that we may meet all opportunities, and obstacles, to the best of our ability. Let us be free of false assumptions.

All this we ask to the glory of Thy Name. Amen.

PRAYER

(Miss Olga Clarke, who is a member of Christ Church in the Barbados, British West Indies, is now one of the busy Nurses in Riverdale Hospital for Chronic and Convalescent Patients in Toronto. At Miss Walker's re-

quest, she has been good enough to take time from her many responsibilities to contribute this prayer for our W.M.S. Magazine, "The Glad Tidings".)

O Heavenly Father, Who knows our many needs, we beseech Thee to look down in compassion on us, as we try to perform our daily duties, wherever we may be.

Give us strength to overcome temptation, and patience to endure suffering, remembering that Thy Son, our Saviour, suffered and died for us.

Grant that our lives may always be patterned after Thee.

This we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centre 1966

Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

July 18-22, 1966

Purpose:

To provide opportunity for women, especially those carrying leadership responsibilities to grow —

- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in understanding of what is involved in Christian Mission in local areas, in Canada and around the world
- in ability as leaders

Please note that there will not be a W.M.S. Training Centre in this area in 1967. Do encourage as many as possible to take advantage of this Training Centre in 1966.

WORLD CHURCH NEWS BROADCAST!

We would remind our readers that the World Church News Broadcast now originates over Radio Station CBL, in Toronto, each Saturday at 6:10 P.M. Check with your local Radio Station as to when the Broadcast is released in your area. The Broadcast time varies from region to region across Canada, depending upon local Programme arrangements.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By

(MRS. A. S.) AGNES CURR

MRS. A. S. CURR

IN THE MIDST of these busy days, the time has come when our thoughts turn to our Annual Council Meeting, which will convene in Ewart College, Toronto, in May, from the 9th to the 13th, inclusive.

The theme chosen is taken from Psalm 67; verse 2, "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations." Surely this theme is a very pertinent one, as we think of our work, and its many needs at Home and Overseas!

Our world today needs, as never before, this "saving health," which the Psalmist speaks of in this Psalm. As we draw near to our Annual Meeting, let us examine ourselves in the light of our Theme, by asking these questions—

1. Am I doing all that is required of me, to meet the needs of the Society, in order that the Divine way, and the "saving health," may be known among the Nations?

2. Am I facing up to the challenge of change, which we must face in this present age, if our work is to become more effective?

3. How much am I giving of my time, talents, and substance, that those who go forth in our name may accomplish the work we are asking them to do, in the ministry of healing, teaching, and preaching?

I would ask those of you, who are Delegates, to come prepared to enter into discussion. You have voting powers. It is your *duty,* and your *privilege,* to use these powers wisely.

Many of you will not be able to attend the Annual Council Meeting. To you, I say—let your thoughts be with us, and your prayers uphold us, during those days of May 9th-13th, when your Delegates will be facing problems, and making most important decisions.

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Your Prayers are asked

—Let us give thanks for the missionary zeal of the National Staff, in whatever phase of the work they may be serving. Especially, we would pray for those who will be attending the Annual Council Meeting, that this time of inspiration and fellowship will strengthen them in an even more dedicated witness.

—May all those who are not priviliged to attend Council this year, realize a real spiritual uplift as we uphold them in our devotions.

—For all who plan for, and come to share in, the Annual Council Meeting, that all sessions may be inspired and guided by the King and Head of the Church.

—For Synodical Children's Secretaries and all who gather with them in Conference, that, inspired and refreshed, they may return to share what they have received with leaders of Children.

—For the Mobile Medical Units in India; pray that those, who have so much responsibility in these days of famine in India, may be guided to make the love of Christ known through the distribution of food, and through the care of the body.

—For the Church in India that, despite the difficulties of these days, it may be able to realize its responsibility as the Body of Christ proclaiming His love; His message of salvation. Pray for each of our Missionaries working within the Church in India.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — 1965
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (W.D.) OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Synodical Givings:		
Montreal and Ottawa	$ 59,480.38	
Toronto and Kingston	137,100.05	
Hamilton and London	126,346.60	
Manitoba	15,152.63	
Saskatchewan	13,419.28	
Alberta	15,666.61	
British Columbia	17,134.65	$384,300.20
Individual gifts	$ 16,322.82	
Less individual gifts held for 1966	4,451.15	11,871.67
Church assessment for Indian Work in Canada	......	425.63
		$396,597.50

Disbursements:

National	$124,804.18
Overseas	145,608.41
Organization	50,696.49
Publications	24,952.94
Administration	27,895.38
Synodical Grants	1,118.14
Grants	2,110.00
Christian Literature	8,157.30
Student Work	2,625.00
Audio Visual Education	875.81
Council meeting	4,532.29
Insurances and taxes	1,903.53
Medical insurance for staff	2,570.00

General contingency	800.00	
Payments from Special Gifts	6,771.23	$405,421.60

SUPPLY FUND

Receipts:

Synodicals:

Montreal and Ottawa	$ 2,896.06	
Toronto and Kingston	8,420.60	
Hamilton and London	6,198.75	
Manitoba	641.40	
Saskatchewan	581.25	
Alberta	750.50	
British Columbia	752.65	$ 20,241.21

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January-February, 1966

	1965	1966
British Columbia		
Alberta		
Saskatchewan		
Manitoba		
Hamilton and London	$3,237.76	$3,209.79
Toronto and Kingston	1,500.00	1,650.00
Montreal and Ottawa	2,000.00	2,200.00
	$6,737.76	$7,059.79

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PERSPECTIVE

Who are you? One of those that plod,
Or an uplifted child of God?
What are your thoughts — A load to bear,
Or wings that lift you above despair?
Think God-ward, Soul — and you will find
That those who walk, with spirits freed,
Are heirs to Paradise, indeed.
(Selected)

THE WORKING WOMAN AND THE SOCIETY

by MISS ELLEN V. HAW

(YOUR REACTIONS ARE REQUESTED—The following article raises questions with regard to The Working Woman and The Society. Has the local group, Presbyterial, Synodical, or Council Executive, been able to solve any of the problems raised? What do you think, are the answers to the questions posed? Comments, solutions or suggestions from readers, will be compiled and published in a future issue of the Glad Tidings, Please send your comments to—The National Secretary for Adult Work, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario.)

The number of women in the work force has been rising for many years, and all indications point to a further uptrend. Apart from the time when a married woman must be at home with a young family, today's conditions and economy attract her to the working world. It is not likely that there will be any change as long as the low unemployment rate, which Canada has enjoyed for many years, continues.

At the present time, slightly over 51% of the adult groups in the W.M.S. (W.D.) meet in the evening—a very changed picture from twenty-five years ago. While it is true that some full-time homemakers attend evening meetings, perhaps it would be safe to assume that a high proportion of the membership in these groups is made up of working women. It would seem, therefore, that the Society's membership is approaching a break-even point between full-time homemakers and working women. If membership continues to reflect the changed conditions of women, a higher proportion of working women members may result.

Within the "working woman" group are married and single women, widows and divorcees. It is obvious that stated work hours belong to an employer, and the time demands are usually quite inflexible. In these days, when room-and-board accommodation has declined, most working women must devote time to home duties. These duties may be on a reduced scale, in comparison with full-time homemakers; nevertheless, "keeping house" represents an added time-consuming factor in the working woman's life.

At the local group level, the evening meetings provide adequate opportunity for the working woman to participate. However, it is sometimes felt difficult for the working woman to participate in the administrative areas of the Society—the Presbyterial, Synodical and Council Executive. The Presbyterial and Synodical in many areas traditionally have met in the daytime. The dilemma often is that if the working woman has any free time it is in the evenings and at weekends; and if the homemaker has any free time it is during the week days. How then can we plan administrative meetings, so both can participate? Does the present structure preclude participation by a sizeable and perhaps growing proportion of the membership?

Are there any wise changes which could be made in the organizational structure of the Society to meet this trend?

A general question to be raised might be—why is the Society not increasing its membership—both homemakers and working women?

A recent article on the subject of "Why are Women's Clubs Losing Ground?" indicated that there is a general decline in the membership in National women's groups, and implied that the reasons are that the clubs have lost their sense of purpose and have outgrown their usefulness. Every informed member of the Society will be quick to say that no such reasons exist with respect to the Women's Missionary Society. The question which might be pertinent is whether there has been sufficient emphasis on "sense of purpose" to convince others to join. Nothing can detract from the contribution of approximately 29,000 members who study, pray, and work together, for a cause in which they firmly believe. Yet the question should be asked—Are there important reasons for increasing membership?—How can membership be increased?—Why is membership not increasing?

The adult membership of the Society has remained constant at about 28,000 to 29,000 since 1940.

While the adult membership of the Society has been standing still, there has been an increase in givings—the average annual givings of an adult member in 1940 was approximately $4.20 and in 1964 approximately $12.60. This represents an increase of 66⅔% which, under normal circumstances, would be considered a remarkable increase. However, as the result of change in value of the dollar, the 66⅔% increase has allowed only a 20% increase in the number of workers, during the last twenty-five years. It is significant that the population of Canada has almost doubled in the past 25 years, and the membership of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has risen by 16% during the same span. Obviously, the Society has not shared in this growth in numbers.

In any consideration of attracting new members, it must be recognized that homemakers and working women now have a wide choice of activities, and there are many avenues of service offered. Even though the word "competition" has some connotations we would not wish to apply, when speaking of service in the Church, the fact remains that competition for time and support exists.

If it is recognized that the essential ingredient to furthering the work of the Society is increased committed membership, what are the ways in which a widening circle of fellowship can be provided? How can the working woman become more involved in the total work of the Society?

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BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR CANADA

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

IT WILL NOT be long until Canada is observing its 100th Birthday. For the past few years the people of Canada have been looking forward to, and preparing for, 1967, and thinking of how to celebrate the Centennial in a suitable manner.

To mark Canada's Birthday, the Committee on Missionary Education of the Canadian Council of Churches, in co-operation with its Department of Christian Education, undertook a project without precedent—the publishing of books and materials for all ages on the general theme—"The Contribution of the Church to the Development of Canada." These materials include an historical map, illustrated and beautifully coloured, some filmstrips, a drama, and five books written by well-known Canadian authors, and attractively illustrated. There is a book suitable for every age:—

STORIES FOR CANADA'S BIRTHDAY by Audrey McKim
  for those 6 to 8 years of age.
BLAZING TRAILS IN CANADA, by Fred Swaze,
  for 9 to 11 year olds
MAINSTREAM, by Adelaide Leitch,
  for 12-14 years of age
INTO A NATION, by a group of writers,
  for 15-17 years of age
THE CHURCH GROWS IN CANADA, by Douglas Wilson,
  for Adults

These books will be of interest far beyond those in the age groups for which they were written. The books should be widely distributed to individual readers; teachers and parents should welcome them with gratitude; they will be used widely in Church weekday programmes.

For many years, Canadian Churches have co-operated in the preparation of books and materials by the Department of Education for Mission of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and have accepted them gratefully as they have come to us from Friendship Press. This year, 1966-67 the Department of Education for Mission has chosen "Canada" as an elective theme for study, in Churches in the U.S.A. as well as Canada. This means that the above mentioned Canada materials will be distributed through that Department in the U.S.A.

All who read these books will be made aware of the many ways in which the Christian Church has contributed to such aspects of a country's life as education, health and welfare services, and prison reform. Truly—"The Church's contribution in all these areas mark her as a sensitive, responsible, and creative, partner in nation building." Foundations laid by Christian pioneer leaders should never be forgotten.

It is most fitting that, for Canada's Birthday, the Churches, in co-operation through the Committee on Missionary Education of the Canadian Council of Churches, are offering to Canadians these materials, which preserve the story of the contribution of the Church to the development of Canada.

Prepare for 1966-67 by watching for all the many articles and pictures on Canada in magazines and daily papers. Take advantage of the many items on Canada being offered by various companies. You will find a use for all in the coming year, in your Groups. Watch for further publicity about the Canada books and programme packets!

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A MEMORIAL ORGAN IN BRITISH GUIANA

ON A SUNDAY NIGHT of last December, a new Hammond Electric Organ was installed in Burns' Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Georgetown, British Guiana. It was dedicated "to the glory of Almighty God," and named "The Ellen Anderson Memorial Organ," in loving remembrance, and in tribute to the memory, of the late Miss Mary Ellen (Nellie) Anderson, who, during her many years of devoted service as a W.M.S. Missionary in British Guiana, was also the Organist and Choir Leader of this Church.

Each year, since Miss Anderson died in 1959, the Adults' Bible Class of Burns' Memorial Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, (the Class founded by Miss Anderson), has held on the third Sunday in June, an Anniversary Memorial Service as a tribute of remembrance and love. In June, of 1965, this was attended by more than thirty Organizations, and by the Bible Classes from all the other denominations in Georgetown. Truly of Mary Ellen Anderson's life and work in British Guiana, it can be certainly said of those who knew and loved her there, even as the Psalmist says in Psalm 145, verse 7—"They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness." (L.M.C.)

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

A DAY IN THE CLINIC WORK

MISS DOREEN MORRISON, R.N.
Bhil Field, India

IT IS TUESDAY MORNING early in February. The weather is cool and fresh, but the sun is bright, as we arise about six o'clock for quiet time, breakfast and morning prayers at 7:30.

Our work begins at eight, and in the office there is much to be done in keeping good public health records, especially in a land where the keeping of statistics is just in its infancy and not much appreciated by most who are asked to do it. However, they are beginning to see the value of records in the villages, and the need to keep each day's charting and recording up to date. Account books and the replacing of used stock in the jeep are other daily requirements. And so we are all at work—I am seeing those who are sick, either on the compound or at the local hospital, and carrying out their needs for the day; Suzanna Tezlo is deciding and preparing specific materials we will use for teaching in the villages today, according to the patients we have on our caseload, and their needs. Two other Nurses are busy checking records, setting out cards indicating the homes that we should visit today, and replacing the necessary stock.

Miss Ida White and Doreen Morrison observe, as Dr. Sunderlal Daniel, and nurse in charge at Amkut, examine patient.

The office closes at nine, and there is a scurry of preparation for setting out on our journey to the villages, about 10 o'clock. Often there are passengers. This morning a man, whose wife is in the local hospital, has come to see if there is room to take him home. Margaret Kennedy is away, so there are last minute instructions to the cook and gardener who will care for things while we are away. Now, with a precooked lunch placed in the jeep, we are ready for the road. With our passenger we number seven, a full carload, especially with medicines and very poor roads. We have Amos, the driver, the three Nurses mentioned above, Rena bai, a Bible Woman, and myself.

The road to Panchpula is usually a very pretty road at this time of year, the fields and trees green, but this year it is quite a different picture. Everything is dry and brown. Livestock are not grazing as usual, nor are the farmers working in the fields. Many of the fields have been tilled in anticipation of a future sowing. We roll over the hills and dales in this area, scattering whirls of dust behind us. But this melancholy sight does not discourage the girls from laughter, chatting or singing, and in about an hour we have arrived at Alice bai's home, after only travelling thirteen to fourteen miles. Alice and Wijay are our Evangelists in this area.

Alice bai is also a Biblewoman and helps us in our work. After our usual greeting we all set out on our visitations, into the homes of those who were sick or needed help last week, or those we have been seeing from week to week. If there are not many sick, we visit in one of the five areas in Panchpula (for which it gets its name "panch" meaning five). Today we had seven or eight home visits to make. They were patients with fever, diarrhoea, coughs, colds, aching arms and legs, infected sores and pregnancy.

As we are visiting, we try to gather together the members of two to three families in one home for Christian fellowship. Also, many times when we have two Biblewomen and several Nurses we split up, and make two teams. In this way we cover more homes. In Panchpula, there are about six Christian families. After Bible teaching and prayer, the Nurses talk on specific health problems in particular homes or areas. If necessary, private consultations are arranged.

During one week of every month, the Nurses have been encouraging all babies under two years, and all prenatal mothers, to come to the Clinic for examination, or consultation re diet etc. We are trying to separate our Clinics so, eventually, we will be holding well-baby Clinics and prenatal Clinics, and we gradually will do less and less medical work, which really should be done by a Doctor. So far, however, there are too many ill people coming to us, instead of going to the Doctor or the Hospital. There is still fear and prejudice against Doctors, examinations, Hospitals and preventive medicine. Therefore, our well babies and prenatals do not number enough to warrant separate Clinics yet. One of the biggest problems we have in breaking down these fears in our area is the lack of sufficient staff to cover the vast area around this end of the field. With one visit a week, there is not time enough in the villages to give the constant teaching required. Today, we had three babies and one prenatal.

Now the specific Clinic is over, and Suzanna and the girls are taking down names of all mothers, children and ill people for the distribution of multivitamins, shark liver oil, and minadex, accordingly. This programme has started in some areas since the middle of January, as a beginning of our famine relief projects. In this area, most of the people are farmers and therefore have had more grain, and opportunity for money. They also have cattle, and milk is still available. In many other areas, the labourers are much more needy. There may come a time when these supplies, too, may become depleted, and we may feel that we need to supply this area with milk and cereal too.

With this distribution over, hunger has come to most so we walk back to Alice bai's house, where we sit together and eat our corn bread, wheat bread and vegetables.

About 2:30, we gather at the jeep to distribute any medications to those still needing treatment or to any new patient who has come for help. Today we had two patients.

And now we are ready to say goodbye to Alice and the children and travel over some fields, which is usually quite rough for the jeep, about 2 or 2½ miles taking approximately fifteen minutes. This is Junapani where our Evangelist, Samuel and his wife Kamala live.

Although this area is not so big, we carry out the programme here very similar to Panchpula. There are about two Christian families in this area. Samuel usually takes part in our Christian teaching programme here. These farmers' social status is also fairly equal to those in the last village. Today, six babies came to Clinic and two came for medical treatment. And here six home visits were planned and carried out although some were not at home.

It is 4:30, and time to leave and find our way homeward, but not without one or two interruptions on route usually. Today there is one with sore eyes and a bad cough and another with a fever and joint aches and pains. These are very common symptoms of illnesses these days. Lack of money has kept them often ten to fifteen days before coming for help, and they have no notion of going to Hospital, though they know they should.

In about half an hour we have arrived at a Hindu village — Raigune, where we stop for an evening Clinic before going home. On the edge of the village we leave the jeep with Amos and make our way into the back end of the village, where the lower caste people live. These people are very poor, doing labour work whenever they can find some small task to do. Evangelism has been carried out here for several years but as yet no conversions.

Rena bai has a big concern for these people, and today, as usual, she is leading us in a very conscientious way as she does the Christian teaching, and Suzanna follows this with health teaching. Progress is very hard to see even in the Public Health work.

After teaching, we all take part in the charting of names, and distribution of milk and vitamins as mentioned above. Here we would like to give cereal too, but a programme for the cooking and proper handling has not been worked out yet, although funds are now being received from Canada. Those who have been, and are, sick, are encouraged to come to the jeep for medications and treatment.

Well Baby and Prenatal Clinics etc. are very difficult to carry out without a centre or house to work in. We are hindered by long distances and lack of qualified staff, to carry out any recognized programme of Public Health at this end of the field. Constant teaching is needed after illness to prevent recurrence. We are unable to give this. We are hoping to have a centre which will cut down much time and travel and give us adequate facilities to introduce Clinics and more regular home visiting. Many of the horrible diseases and conditions can be prevented if good Public Health teaching can be administered. As is the case in most areas of this work, poor nutrition and uncleanliness are our prime concern.

As we make our way out of the village this evening, as many times in the past, we are invited to sit outside a large Hindu home for singing and preaching and health teaching. They enjoy the singing, acknowledge and respond to the Word of God, but as yet have come no further. However, we continue to sow, as they seem to be seeking and may God reap the harvest.

At the jeep we dispense drugs to three or four who have fever, cough, colds and diarrhoea, making a request for one very sick child to be taken to Hospital. I have given the parent a referral slip to be given to the doctor on arrival, with a request that it be used in the Hospital and returned with instructions for rehabilitation, when released from the hospital. One or two have been asked to return next week for a further check and more drugs if indicated. Here again, very little has been received in the way of fees for this year.

From here, we travel about seven to eight miles home, arriving usually around 7 o'clock, and thus ends another very busy day in the Clinic work.

To us, many of our days seem long and tedious, and even discouraging or not worthwhile, but still if over our long days of labour we may bring one through sickness to health of body and mind, and through this to a knowledge of

Christ's redeeming power and love, then our labour is not in vain. We continually ask your prayers for our work.

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A BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP!

Because Dr. Charlotte Whitton, O.B.E., who is certainly one of the busiest and best-known women in Canada, has time to be a regular, and most appreciative, reader of "The Glad Tidings", (and is also a long-time Press Club friend of the Editor) she was kind enough to express her special interest in the Article, "Those Precious Books of Remembrance", which appeared in the November issue of our Magazine. As a result of this interest, and in the goodness of her heart, she has sent to us, in heart-warming generosity, the gift of all the copies now available of the beautiful little 68-page booklet, "The Chapel of Remembrance", which was written by herself, and our own Mrs. Charles H. (Ella M.) Thornburn, O.B.E., when the Peace Tower and the Chapel of Remembrance were first created.

Beautifully written, in prose which is like poetry, and handsomely illustrated, this little treasure of history with its royal blue cover, embossed with the Coat of Arms of Canada, was in great demand, through the years, at $1.50 per copy, by visitors to The Chapel of Remembrance, and has run through six editions. Now, there will be no further editions, and Dr. Whitton, in a typical gesture of thoughtfulness and kindness, has sent to us the last few copies, as a gift from her for the Literature Display of The Publications Department at our Annual Council Meeting in Toronto this May. These will be a Special Feature of the Literature Table at Council, and, while they last, will be available at fifty cents each, to the first fortunate few who ask for them. (L.M.C.)

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WAS IT YOURS?

Out of nowhere, suddenly,
Like a sunbeam fraught
With the light of loveliness
Came a happy thought.
I cannot tell how far it came,
Through how many doors,
Nor whose goodness gave it wings—
Maybe it was yours!
So, by way of gratitude,
I would pass along
Thoughts that have a shine to them,
Thoughts that make a song!

(Selected)

A SUMMER IN CANADA'S NORTHWEST

by

JEAN SMITH
and CAROL BRENT
Ewart College,
Toronto

A Car-Wash on the Alaska Highway!

"JONES IMPERIAL ESSO STATION has a good coffee shop. Prices are reasonable . . . then you'll come to a few miles of wilderness—don't give up, you will eventually come to Grande Prairie!" These are some of the instructions which had been left with the Van in Edmonton, by the Rev. J. J. H. Morris of Grande Prairie. As we left the bustling city in the gray 1964 Pontiac station-wagon for the Peace River Country, those coffee shops with reasonable prices provided a welcome break.

After a brief orientation, we began our three weeks of work in the southern part of Peace River Presbytery, before travelling up the Highway. One never ceases to be utterly amazed at the beauty and peacefulness of this vast part of Canada. The town of Peace River is nestled down in the valley. The muddy swirling waters of the mighty Peace flow quickly by, while life goes on quietly all around. We were to conduct a survey in a new sub-division area in Peace River. There has never been a Presbyterian Church in this town. Now, however, the population is growing. Apartment buildings are going up and new houses are being built at a fairly rapid rate. We encountered typical attitudes toward the Church—indifference, sympathy, understanding, ignorance. As one carries on the difficult, but necessary, task of 'knocking on doors,' one asks oneself repeatedly "What is the task and responsibility of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in the expanding frontiers of our country?"

Homesteading is another aspect of the expanding frontier in which we worked. Silver Valley is a homestead community of about 25 families, which we visited. Life does not appear to be easy for them. Houses must be built, land must be cleared, heavy and expensive equipment has to be bought. The nearest store is thirty-five miles away. Crops have been almost a total loss for the past three years. Yet, as we were invited into their homes we could sense their happiness. While life may be difficult, it is worthwhile, and they are proud of their family and home. There is a strong community spirit too. They have worked together to build a community hall. This is the recreational centre, where parties, meetings and suppers are held. Church services and Vacation Bible Schools are held in this hall too. Fortunately, it did not rain while we were visiting in Silver Valley, so we had no experience with getting stuck in the 'gumbo!'

Then it was time to start out on our adventure on the Alaska Highway. We packed the Van with the necessary supplies which had been stored at Fort St. John, Mile 45 on the Alaska Highway. These supplies included bedding, cooking equipment, camping equipment, and Vacation School supplies, all of which required every possible corner of the Station Wagon, excepting the front seat. We were on our way!

Mile 83 marked the end of the pavement. It was our introduction to over 3,000 miles of winding, dusty road, and a summer of exciting experiences, learning, and fond memories. Department of Public Works camps (D.P.W.) dot the Highway every fifty to one hundred miles, and each one is usually accompanied by a CN Telecommunications Camp, a Lodge, and a Coffee shop somewhere nearby. There would be, on the average, five families in each Camp and a corresponding number in the CNT Camps. At present the majority of the maintenance Camps consist of army buildings which were erected temporarily during World War II, when the Highway was under construction. However, many new homes are being now brought up to the Camps.

On our way North, we checked with the foreman of each Camp, in order to secure final details concerning the Vacation Church Schools, and to make arrangements for our accommodation. We visited with as many families as time would permit us to do.

Destruction Bay—Mile 1083—was the farthest point north on our itinerary, and it was there we began our Vacation Church Schools. Each Camp has a very large 'Recreation Hall,' in which we held our VCS. We divided the room in two, and held two classes at the same time, twice a day. We held each VCS for one week. Our living quarters were usually in one of the empty buildings in Camp, and we had with us our own food supplies. The number of children varied, usually with a majority in the kindergarten—primary age group. Church affiliations varied from family to family, but denominationalism is not in any way a barrier in the north country. A closing session was held at the end of each School, which gave the children an opportunity to share with all the mothers the things they had learned during the week. Destruction Bay was "so named because of the toll of lives taken by the wrecking of many boats rounding the point, during the year 1902-3." It had many Yukon stories to tell us, and it was there we had a meal of genuine sour-dough pancakes.

Whitehorse—Mile 918—was our next stop and was it a welcomed sight! Towns are few and far between. Just two coffees and two cheeseburgers tasted pretty good—even if the bill did come to two dollars. We held only one VCS that was not directly on the Alaska Highway. It was in an Asbestos Company mining town—Cassiar, B.C.—which is situated ninety miles southwest from the Highway at Mile 648. All totalled, we conducted ten VCS on the Alaska Highway. Three of the DPW Camps were taken over by private contractors last July and August. As these were situated at the southern end of the Highway, it means that the Van will be going farther north this summer, and possibly into another mining town, Cantung NWT, which is 200 miles off the Highway at Mile 635.

The country through which the Alaska Highway is carved is so bold and so majestic that it is impossible to absorb all its wonders. And one very notable characteristic, which we shall never forget, was the hospitality we received from the people.

Mile 83 came again only too quickly. But our work was not over. Three VCS were waiting for us in the farming areas of northern British Columbia, and one Demonstration School in Fort St. John. Our wonderful summer came to a close with a 'lively' farewell party, put on by our very wonderful friends in the Presbytery.

In Remembrance

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TINKER, TAILOR . . . !

by MISS MARY CARRINGTON
(Following an interview with Miss Bateman)

HAVE YOU EVER PLANNED AND worked for something, only to have all your plans come to nothing? This happened to Barbara Bateman. Twice she planned a career for herself, only to find the door closed which led to it. But Barbara refused to be daunted by her disappointment. She picked up the pieces and put them together again in another way. Looking back, Barbara is convinced that those really weren't dead ends she ran into, but right-angled turns into the road God wanted her to take.

Barbara was born and brought up in a small eastern Ontario town. When she completed her High School education, she was faced with the question which every boy and girl must answer—"What shall I do with my life?" Like many young people, Barbara really hadn't given this much serious thought. One thing she knew she wanted, in whatever field she chose, was a chance for Christian service. And it seemed to her, as it has to many young people, that the field of teaching offered this. She decided that her first step was a University education, and she enrolled at Queen's in Honour Mathematics and Science. Here she met her first disappointment and was unable to continue her course. The next year, Barbara went to Teachers' College at Peterborough, and qualified to teach public school. She was appointed to a school near her home and taught for a year. To her dismay, she found that she was allergic to chalk. Can you imagine a teacher who couldn't use chalk? It seemed that Public School teaching was out for Barbara too.

So, once again, she was faced with the task of finding another way of life. Fortunately she had the summer to sort things out, and she decided to devote it to another of her interests. She went to Camp. During the long, busy days, sandwiched in between her duties as a leader, Barbara thought about her problem. By the time the summer was over, her decision was made. She would go into banking.

This wasn't a matter of "eeney, meeney, miney, moe," or counting buttons. Barbara had several good reasons for her choice. In the first place, she wanted a job in which she could be of service, and service is the only product banks sell. Secondly, she had always been interested in figures, and here was a career that could be built on them. Thirdly, she already knew something about banking, because she had worked in a bank for a while before going to University. And fourthly, and most importantly, she felt very strongly that this was what God wanted her to do.

Barbara isn't joking when she says God guided her into banking. The longer she has worked at it, the more convinced she has become that all that has gone before was simply preparation. She has been able to use all the skills and knowledge she has acquired. Her interest in mathematics, and her year at University studying them, is of obvious value. But she has also found her teaching experience, and her work as a Camp leader, valuable as she has moved up into a supervisory position. Her Christian convictions have helped her to take a responsible attitude to her work, and have made her more aware of the needs of the customers, and alert to opportunities for service.

Barbara has some interesting comments to make to those who are considering banking as a career. Not everyone is cut out for it, of course, but if you are interested in people, and can work well with others; if you have a liking for mathematics and are willing to accept responsibility; it is a field you should investigate. Barbara points out that the days of low pay, and poor prospects for promotion, for women are over. There are now women holding positions as Assistant Accountants, Accountants and Branch Managers, and salaries compare favourably with those in other fields.

As you might expect, Barbara is most interested in banking as a field of Christian service. There is ample opportunity to assist others by helping the public to save time and deal efficiently with financial problems. But there is an even greater opportunity in the contacts with the other members of the staff. As Barbara says, ethical standards are not always very high among non-Church people, even in banks. The Christian can make his position clear by his behaviour and in casual conversation, as he works hour by hour and day by day with his fellow employees. Even such a simple matter as being scrupulous about abiding by the rules of the bank can be meaningful. Barbara has found a challenge and a satisfaction in banking, which she would recommend to other girls who are looking for a way to serve.

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MIRACLES

"The miracles of wakening Spring
God's first and fairest were,
The wonders of the earth are things
Which constantly are there!"
(Roy Helton — 1886)

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Boys and Girls!

A SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BORN

by E. LUCRETIA BATTEN

THE HOT SUN BLAZED down on the little African village. Matzu and Mingze sauntered slowly down the dusty road. It was Sunday, and there was not much to do on Sunday. What was there for boys seven and eight years old to do? The older people sat in the village and talked, but they sent the children away. On week days you could go down to the mines and watch the men coming up, and the carts and the wagons creaking back and forth.

"Oh, I know," said Matzu suddenly, "Let's go down to the farm house! There is a visitor there from Canada. Mrs. Parsons told me about him."

"Aw, he will likely be selling things, and we have no money to buy anything. It only makes you unhappy," replied Mingze, who spoke from eight years of many disappointments.

"Let's see anyway. We can always creep out and get away through the bush!" argued Matzu.

"Well, all right," assented Mingze. There was no fun just tramping the dusty road unless you were going somewhere, and now they were. In fact, they practically ran, and the dust made big splanking splotches as they went.

The farm house was crowded when they arrived, but they squeezed in the corner and sat on the mud floor. The white man was there all right, and he spoke with strange words. But one of the white friends was translating what he said, so they could understand it. And he wasn't selling anything either! He was telling them about the children in Canada who were like them, and when they went to Vacation Church School they had given money, so that they could send pictures to other boys and girls around the world. Yes, and the man had them right there. It was too good to be true. Their eyes fairly bulged in wonderment. And now he was asking the children to go outside to see them.

They scampered out quickly and found a place on the big log under the tree, with all the other boys and girls. How exciting it was! Mrs. Parsons came out, and the man let each one of them hold one of the pictures. Then he asked them what they thought the picture was about. Well, there was a baby in one and people all around. In another there was a bright, cheerful boy just about their own age. My, he looked happy! Others showed a gentle, kind man, healing blind people and sick people. But Matzu and Mingze did not really know that it was pictures of Jesus, for they had hardly been to day school let alone Sunday School. Then the white man told them the story of Jesus, how he came to earth, lived among men, and went about doing good.

Matzu and Mingze sat as silent as statues. Only when it was over did they let out a sound. That was a sigh—a deep, longing sigh. They wished, oh, how they wished, they might hear more about the kind man in the pictures! If only they could come every Sunday like this!

Slowly, they raised themselves from the log and turned to go. But Mrs. Parsons called to them, "Come and get a picture to take home with you." A picture to keep? This was a wonderful day. And then, joy of joys, Mrs. Parsons was asking them to come back next Sunday to hear another story. Matzu and Mingze fairly shouted for joy.

They were there the next Sunday, early, to get a good place. The Missionary told them more stories. They made models and they acted out the story. They liked this man called Jesus, and wanted to know Him better.

Sunday after Sunday they came. Sunday after Sunday they learned, and prayed that the boys and girls far away would keep on sending the pictures, so that they could learn more and more.

The factual details upon which this story is based came from Dr. Nelson Chappel, Special Staff Consultant of the W.C.C.E.S.S.A.

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By Catherine F. Vos

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TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY

By Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley

Here is quite an unusual book, but one which will "strike home," in many hearts, and, beneath all the hurry and worry of a homemaker's busy days, reveal the depth and support of true Christian faith in the day-by-day routine of family living. The two Authors are full-time homemakers and mothers. Mrs. Carr is the Mother of five children, whose ages range from 4 to 19; and Mrs. Sorley, who planned to enter the Mission Field before her marriage, is the Mother of four children, aged from four to thirteen. Mrs. Carr spent five years, with her husband, as lay Missionaries in Southern Rhodesia. Both now live in Texas. In the foreword, the Authors say "The book has been written to meet the devotional needs of young homemakers. Instead of a collection of thoughtful meditations, this is a book of prayer and prayers—not traditional prayers but the crying out of us "part-time" Christians who seek something more real. It was written to help modern women, most of whom have not been trained in spiritual matters, to sort out our cluttered thinking, and enter into a valid and vital relationship with God." I think this book might very well be a help to do just that! Price, $2.75

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MOTHER AND CHILD

By Loretta M. Wilson

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EVERY GROUP SHOULD HAVE THESE BOOKS!

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VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria*, The Rev. Walter F. McLean, B.A., B.D., and Mrs. McLean, were Guest Speakers and told of their work as Missionaries in *Enugu, Eastern Nigeria.* Mr. McLean, who, with his wife, is now on furlough from his duties in that land, is the son of the Rev. J. L. W. McLean, C.D., M.A., D.D., and Mrs. McLean, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria.*

At this same Meeting, three Life Memberships were presented — to Mrs. Walter McLean, in recognition of her splendid work in the Girls' High School of *Enugu, Eastern Nigeria;* to Mrs. A. B. Harvey, and to Mrs. Daniel MacDonald, both of whom have given many years of loyal and faithful work in their W.M.S. Auxiliary; in the Presbyterial; in St. Andrew's Welfare Association; and in the Women's Guild of their Church.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL—The Rev. J. Alan Munro M.C., B.A., D.D., Moderator of the 91st General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* was the Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* with President, Mrs. H. E. Magnuson, presiding. Following the Banquet, a presentation was made by Mrs. R. D. Jones, on behalf of the Presbyterial, to Mrs. W. H. Henry, who is now leaving to live in *Toronto,* in appreciation of her Christian devotion and service in so many branches of Church work. Mrs. Henry received a Life Membership Certificate and Pin, and a gift.

A large Display of books from the Publications Department was shown by the Literature Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Scott. Mrs. K. C. Doka was elected President, and the closing Devotions were conducted by Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary. Registrations were handled by Miss Margaret Alexander, Miss Thelma Larter, Miss Catharine MacKenzie, and Mrs. M. G. Cooke. The film "A Question of Recognition" was also shown. Out of town visitors were Mrs. T. K. Pickett, of *Gem;* Mrs. William Sinclair and Mrs. E. M. Gilbert, of *Bassano;* Mrs. Steve Peyto and Mrs. Ernest Hiscock, of *Banff.* Appointed to attend the Annual Synodical Meeting in *Edmonton* were Mrs. K. C. Doka, Mrs. S. Sinclair, Mrs. A. P. Forrester, Miss Edna Sproule, and Mrs. F. Neilson.

The Women's Fellowship of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* sponsored a Concert in aid of the Calvin Hungarian Church, and the entire proceeds of this successful affair were given to aid in the rebuilding of this Church, which recently was destroyed by fire. The Programme was given by the Handbell Choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. J. Balttrusuiter, and the Youths Handbell Choir, directed by Mrs. D. Manson.

Parents, friends, and women of the Church, attended the Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. Group of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* with the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

While in Calgary Presbyterial, Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., for many years a Missionary, under the W.M.S. in *Formosa,* spoke at many Meetings. At the World Day of Prayer Service, in St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* Miss Hermanson wore an Oriental dress, decorated with brooches of Formosan gold, which was given her by a Chinese family as a parting gift. At Grace Presbyterian Church, she told of her work among the Mountain Tribes of *Formosa,* and showed splendid slides of the people, the Churches, and the work being done among them.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—An interesting and enjoyable Meeting was held by *Strathcona* W.M.S. Group, when Mrs. Janet Wiltzen, a member of *Strathcona* Presbyterian Church School Staff, told of her attendance, as delegate from this Group, at the W.M.S. Training Centre. Miss Mollie Harback showed some of the excellent slides she had taken on her trip to *British Guiana.*

The Annual Meeting of Alberta Synodical was held in Rupert Street Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* with President, Mrs. G. O. Milson, presiding at the three-day Sessions. Miss E. L. McClelland, National Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was the Guest Speaker at the Friday Afternoon Session, and on Friday evening, Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., recently retired Missionary Nurse in *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker. While in *Edmonton,* Miss Hermanson also addressed a Girls' Rally in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and on the Sunday spoke to *Eastminster* Presbyterian Church congregation at the Morning Service, and in the Afternoon, she addressed the Sunday School of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton.* Registration took place on Thursday evening, and Reports of the Committees were received at the Friday morning and afternoon Sessions. President's Reports were given on Saturday morning, followed by the Report of the Nominating Committee. Officers for 1966 were installed on Saturday Afternoon.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. A. Myrl Smith was re-elected President at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. John's Presbyterian Church *Medicine Hat.* Other Officers elected and installed were Mrs. C. Dowkes; Mrs. A. Meier; Mrs. T. R. Storrs, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Total funds realized in 1965 was $2,709.80, which covered a wide field of W.M.S. activities—gifts to Children's Homes, Schools and Hospitals in *India*; Scholarships for needy students in *Formosa*; special donations to the Indian Residential School in *Birtle, Manitoba.* Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., from *Formosa,* spoke throughout this Presbyterial, and aroused wide interest in the W.M.S. work in *Formosa* in all who heard her speak. The World Day of Prayer was held in Fifth Avenue Church, *Medicine Hat.*

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Peace River Presbyterial was held at Forbes Presbyterian Church, *Grande Prairie*, when the coming visit of Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., of *Formosa* was announced, and reports were heard of the W.M.S. Training Centre. The Installation of 1966 Officers was conducted by the Rev. L. Paul, of *Fort St. John, British Columbia,* as follows — President, Mrs. Jean Elder; Vice-President Mrs. S. Sather; Secretary, Mrs. Joan Kirby; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Ditch.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — When the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* Miss Hildur Hermanson, now retiring from her 34 years of Missionary service in *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker. Departmental Reports were received, showing an increase in members and givings in Adult Groups, and also in Children of The

Church Groups; a slight loss of numbers in C.G.I.T. and Explorer Groups, but all active and enjoying their Studies and Programmes. Miss Hermanson showed interesting slides of many facets of life in *Formosa* to augment her excellent Address. President, Mrs. Edward Day, presided. The Opening Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. Katharine Towers, of *Willowdale,* and the Closing Devotional was given by a Group from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *West Park.* Dinner was served by the W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* and Afternoon Tea by the W.M.S. members of *Valley Centre.* Mrs. Edward Day, Jr., of *Willowdale,* was re-elected President.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Due to the illness of President, Mrs. Logan, the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* was presided over by Miss M. Gillies. The Theme was "Mission — The Christian's Calling." Miss Gillies welcomed Delegates and Officers from all points, also the Special Guests, the Rev. S. D. McEntyre; Rev. P. Ruddell; Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, and the Guest Speaker, Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N. recently retired from the W.M.S. Mission Work in *Formosa.*

Morning Worship, conducted by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* was based on the Theme, "Called For a Purpose," and the Aims and Purpose of the W.M.S. was repeated by all present. Posters were used to highlight the Annual Departmental Reports, and Miss Hermanson, speaking on ways of getting Home Helpers in our Organizations, stressed the fact that "The Glad Tidings" is planned to appeal to all Presbyterian women, not only W.M.S. members, "It must be read to be appreciated," she said.

During Luncheon, the Rev. P. Ruddell presented Presbytery greetings; Mrs. S. McEntyre conducted a Sing-Song; and the Afternoon Session opened with prayer by the *Briercrest* W.M.S. Auxiliary. The *Swift Current* W.M.S. Group conducted the "In Remembrance" Service. The Retiring President, Mrs. C. W. Logan was presented with a gift, in appreciation of her years of splendid leadership, and the Election of Officers followed. The Installation Service was conducted by the Rev. S. O. McEntyre. The Evening Worship Service was given by the Presbyterian Women's Group of *Assiniboia* — "Called to Action." The Guest Speaker, Miss Hermanson gave an inspiring and challenging Address on W.M.S. work in *Formosa,* and her many angles of the work there during the long years of her service, as a W.M.S. Missionary in that land. Mrs. S. McEntyre was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. B. Melton.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Assiniboia,* Miss Hildur Hermanson was the Guest Speaker at a most enjoyable Evening Meeting, when she showed interesting slides to illustrate her work as a Missionary Nurse in *Formosa,* during the past 34 years of service under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Retiring now from active service, Miss Hermanson is on a Speaking Tour in *Western Canada,* before making her home in *Vancouver.* Miss Hermanson told how, in the past 20 years, the Formosan Presbyterian Church has established over 400 small Churches and Speaking Stations in the Mountain Districts, and she stressed the importance of showing real interest in our young people, both in *Formosa* and in *Canada,* since they are to be our future Leaders in Church work. The Worship Service was conducted by the Rev. R. Spencer. Refreshments and a Social Hour followed the Meeting.

The Explorer Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Assiniboia,* was initiated, with the Rev. R. Spencer, their Leader. Seven girls and five boys were received into the Group, receiving their first Star, and the Rev. R. Spencer led the Group in reciting the Motto and Purpose, and singing the Hymns learned over the six weeks of expeditions together. At the close of the Service, the Explorers served coffee and cookies made by themselves.

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service for *Assiniboia* was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Assiniboia,* with the Anglican, Alliance, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, and United Church, all participating in the Service. Mrs. R. Gould was the Guest Soloist, and seventy-five persons were in attendance.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Affiliated Group of *Sylvania* Presbyterian Church, presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. James Whitson, and the presentation was made by Mrs. Low. Mrs. Whitson and Mrs. Low are the only two members of this Group, which was organized about 1943, when Miss Ruby Walker was Presbyterial Secretary, who are still living in *Sylvania.* Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N. was Guest Speaker at this Meeting, and, both in her pictures and her Address, gave a fine explanation of the W.M.S. work carried on in *Formosa,* and in which she has shared for the past 34 years.

In addition to speaking at the Presbyterial Annual Meeting, Miss Hermanson visited and spoke at Meetings in *Melfort, Tisdale, Crutwell,* and *Prince Albert.* At *Tisdale* and *Prince Albert,* Supper Meetings with Children of The Church, and the Teen-Agers, were well attended. At *Crutwell,* Miss Hermanson showed her slides to the School children, and their Mothers, and in *Prince Albert,* a T.V. Interview introduced Miss Hermanson to many who would not have been contacted otherwise. The presence of the Rev. S. and Mrs. How, formerly of *Formosa,* at the Adult Meeting in *Prince Albert,* was a highlight. Mr. How is now in charge of the *Mistawasis Indian Mission.*

At the recent Meeting of the James Nesbit W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert,* Mrs. M. G. MacKay, on behalf of the members, presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. K. R. McKenzie, in recognition of her many years of service in the W.M.S., and her Church.

Commemorating 100 years of Presbyterianism in *Prince Albert* this year, Members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert,* on a Sunday morning in February, held the first of their Centennial Celebrations, calling it "Spotlight on National Missions." The Guest Speaker, the Rev. Dr. J. A. Munro, M.C., B.A., D.D., Moderator of the 91st Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, chose as his text "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." Dr. Munro, turning back the clock to 1906, when the present St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was dedicated, recalled that at that time he had been a member of the Junior Choir of this Church.

Following the Morning Service, some 225 members enjoyed a Congregational Luncheon together in the lower Hall. Later films were shown to the lower Hall and shown to the children in the upper Hall, while Senior Members heard a Panel Discussion of Missionary Work in *Canada.* Chaired by Mr. R. D. Dunning, the Panel members were the Rev. Dr. Munro, Mrs. F. J. Dickson, Miss Hilda Blackwell, and the Rev. G. A. Johnston. Interesting displays were shown by different branches of the Church, and these depicted the Mission Work carried on in *Canada,* including Chinese, Ukrainian, Indian, Italian, Hungarian, French, Port Work, etc., and the early Church in *Prince Albert.* This included the Rev. James Nisbet's diary; old file letters; and other news items of interest to all.

Prince Albert's Centennial coincides with the Presbyterian Centennial, since this City was founded by the Rev. James Nisbet, the Presbyterian Missionary who led a party to the banks of the North Saskatchewan River here in 1866.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — An evening spent at the Geriatric Centre was a highlight of the Fall Session for the Hildur Hermanson W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon.* Miss Hermanson joined the Group at the Refreshment Period, and slides, taken in China by Mr. Andrews, during his many years spent in *China,* were most interesting and excellent, although many of his slides had been confiscated.

Young people, coming from other areas of Saskatchewan, were entertained to Supper in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the other Churches assisting in providing the food. This was followed by the Evening Service and the Young Peoples' Society Meeting. About fifty young people attended.

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WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, on behalf of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* presented a Life Membership Certificate to Miss Elizabeth Whittaker, President of this Auxiliary, as a tribute of appreciation for her many years of faithful service to her Auxiliary.

The Annual Meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial was held in St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* and was opened with a Dinner served by the ladies of the hostess Church. President, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon presided, and the blessing was pronounced by the Rev. J. H. Bishop, B.A., Minister of this Church. Miss Margaret Adam welcomed delegates and visitors, and greetings were presented from Presbytery, by the Rev. W. I. Little, B.D., of Westwood Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg*; and from *Manitoba* Synodical by the President, Mrs. A. H. McKay. Greetings were also read from *Brandon* and *Superior* Presbyterials. Following Dinner, the Rev. J. H. Bishop, B.A., conducted the Worship Service, and the Choir of St. James Presbyterian Church led the Service of Praise. The Theme of the Meetings was "Be Ye Doers of the Word" (James 1, 22), and President, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon conducted all Sessions.

The Speaker at the Evening Session was the Rev. Donald Collins, of the Canadian Bible Society, who spoke of the "hungers" of the peoples of the world—hunger of the body, the mind, and the soul—and told how the task of the Bible Society is to provide both Bibles and New Testaments in the language of these many seeking peoples throughout the world, who now are literate, and need the help and message of the Scriptures.

At the Morning Session, the Devotional Period was given by the Hildur Hermanson W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, based on Matthew 21. The needs of the Indian Famine and Relief Fund of our Church were brought before the Meeting, and the Treasurer's Report showed increased givings during the year. Reports were given by the Department Secretaries, and from the Auxiliaries, and stress was laid upon the lack of Leaders, particularly in the Girls' and Children's Departments. Hospital Visitor, Mrs. G. W. Bradley, told of some 4,860 visits made during the year to Hospitals, Nursing Homes and "Shut-Ins," and emphasized the joy and real satisfaction experienced in this phase of Church life. The Report of the Inner City work, under the leadership of Miss Dorothy McCombie and Miss Iris Ford showed some 80 children in the Primary and Junior Clubs, attending Sunday School and mid-week Meetings, where the emphasis on Christian teaching and way of life was brought to many who had no previous contact with the Church. Many W.M.S. Auxiliaries helped in this work in different ways all through the year.

Mrs. Austin Beattie, House Mother at Winnipeg Fellowship House, *Winnipeg,* reported on the work there, not only among Indian young people, but many other nationalities as well. She said that on Sunday afternoons about 24 young people attend the Bible Study Group, led by the Rev. R. G. Krepps, of Norwood Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.* Study Groups were held at the Afternoon Session, led by Miss Agnes Arnold, Miss Joyce Dickson, and Mrs. Austin Beattie, on the subject, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. D. W. McRae, and the Courtesies Report was given by Mrs. C. Myers and Miss A. Morrison. Synodical President, Mrs. A. H. McKay conducted the Installation Service, with Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon re-elected as President.

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HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Erskine Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* President Mrs. N. Anderson presided at the three sessions, and Mrs. W. C. Stewart welcomed members to the Church. Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. G. Oswald, Mrs. C. Whittington, and Mrs. L. Richards. The Rev. D. G. Neil, Th. M., Moderator, brought Presbytery greetings, and Mrs. C. Richards presented the Synodical greetings. Mrs. R. Stringle and Mrs. L. D. Crawford, gave the prayer for the Church, and for our Missionaries, and the Prayer of Thanksgiving was given by Mrs. J. K. West. Secretarial Reports, at the Morning Session, showed a busy year in all the Departments. At the Afternoon Session, the following Interest Groups were held — Mission Study; Money Raising; Worship Services; Officers' Duties; and "With These Hands." Conducting these were Mrs. W. E. Mc-

Cutcheon, Miss Clare Hanes, and Miss Sheila Stephens, with Mrs. J. Cumberland, Mrs. H. Jackson, Mrs. C. P. Westaway, Miss May Sellar, Mrs. A. Beale, and Mrs. O. Quinsey, leading in discussions. Soloists were Mrs. A. H. Rowe and Mrs. A. Urquhart, with Mrs. A. Urquhart at the organ.

The In Memoriam Service was conducted by Mrs. W. Coleman. Mrs. A. H. Skene, on behalf of the Presbyterial members, presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. E. Dalzell, Presbyterial Literature Secretary, and the Nominating Convener, Mrs. M. Dekorte, presented the 1966 Slate of Officers, who were then installed by Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon. Between the dinner hour and the Evening Session, Miss Athalie Read, Missionary on furlough from *British Guiana,* showed slides of the Church's work there, and at the Evening Session she told of her work in *British Guiana.* She stressed the fact that one phase of our Missionary work in that land had come to an end, since every pulpit connected with Presbyterian work is now occupied by a Guianese Pastor. Missionaries there now are serving in an advisory capacity, and helping in other ways to extend the work. A special vote of thanks to all who had taken part in the Programme was given by Mrs. Whittington, with special appreciation given to the ladies of Erskine Presbyterian Church, who served coffee as the delegates arrived, and also lunch and dinner.

The Jean Allum W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Dundas,* celebrated an 85th Anniversary, with a February Meeting held in the Church, when Mrs. J. Murray presided. The Rev. Walter Allum, B.D., gave the Worship Service, taking the same hymns and readings used in the first Service in 1880—Bible Reading being the Good Samaritan, and Jesus asking the woman for a drink at the well. Mrs. F. I. Galbraith gave the Auxiliary History, and the In Memoriam Service was conducted by Mrs. J. Murray. Members of the Margaret Pirie, and the Sarah Dunning W.M.S. Auxiliaries, formed the Choir, with Mr. E. D. James at the organ, and Mrs. D. Lawson, the Soloist. The Offering was received by Mrs. H. Flynn, Miss Mary Stewart, Mrs. R. W. Weaver, and Mrs. Russel Walter, and the Offertory Prayer was given by Mrs. R. Boyd. Greetings were brought by Mr. G. Stott, Clerk of Session, and by Mrs. Norman Anderson, President of Hamilton Presbyterial. Introduced by Mrs. R. Cowper, the Guest Speakers, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dunlop, showed splendid pictures of *Lebanon, Syria, Jordon,* the *Holy Land* and *Formosa* — all of which they had visited on a recent World Tour. Mrs. Walter Allum presented the Vote of Thanks. Mrs. A. Didman and Miss Ann Drury, were Tea Conveners, and Mrs. J. M. Woodley, and Mrs. R. Hunter, pouring tea, were assisted by members of the Margaret Pirie, and Sarah Dunning W.M.S. Auxiliaries, in the Tea Room. The Birthday Cake was cut by Miss Anna Wilson, the daughter of one of the original members of this W.M.S. Auxiliary.

The Kannawin W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* at their last Meeting, presented three Honorary Memberships to three of their most faithful and long-service members. These were Mrs. J. S. Campbell, who was Home Helpers Secretary for many years; Mrs. D. Ruddell, who served as Auxiliary Treasurer for twenty-three years; and Mrs. J. Smythe, who was Secretary for nine years, and is now in her third year as President of this W.M.S. Group.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of New St. James Presbyterian Church, *London,* two of their members were honoured with the presentation of Life Membership Certificates — President, Mrs. A. J. McIntyre, and Mrs. Ivan R. Taylor.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — When the Annual Meeting of Niagara Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines,* the Afternoon Session commenced with Holy Communion, conducted by the Rev. J. E. Ross Thomson, B.A. Delegates from 24 Area Churches were welcomed by the Rev. Mr. Thomson and Mrs. Robert Combe, of Knox Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Ernest Spencer presided at both Sessions. The In Memoriam Service was conducted by Mrs. R. D. Clarke, of *St. Catharines,* and Miss Susan Swan, was Guest Soloist at the Afternoon Session, with Mrs. Kenneth Cust, accompanist. Miss Jessie Ayre reported a substantial increase in givings over the year, and Secretarial Reports were presented by the various Secretaries. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Deaconess, presided at the election of Officers for 1966.

The ladies of the Church served a bountiful dinner, and, at the Evening Session following, Miss Isabel Ayre and Mrs. Gilbert Blundell, led in the Service of Praise. Mr. J. I. Adams, of *Chippawa,* introduced the Guest Speaker. Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, of *Hamilton,* who in her stimulating Address, challenged her audience to "Put the Go Into The Gospel." "It is no mistake" said Mrs. McCutcheon, "that *Go* is part of the spelling of the word *Gospel.* Throughout the Bible we find the word, *Go*—it is Christ's command!" Miss Jessie Horne was Guest Soloist, accompanied by Mr. G. Hannahson at the organ. The Rev. C. Henderson, B.A., of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, brought greetings from Niagara Presbytery, and installed the 1966 Executive, in a brief and impressive Installation Service.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent Meeting, held at the home of Mrs. James Corrys, the afternoon W.M.S. Group of the Presbyterian Church, *North Mornington,* presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. Herb Dowd, a faithful and beloved member of this W.M.S. Group for many years. Mrs. Dowd is the first member of this Church to be given the highest honour that the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) can bestow upon a W.M.S. member.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — "Courage and Faith," was the Theme of this Annual Meeting, when Devotions were led by Mrs. H. F. MacNeill and Mrs. Norman Caswell of *Meaford,* W.M.S. Auxiliary. Greetings were received from the Honorary President, Miss Sarah MacMurchy, of Collingwood — *Ninety-One Years Young!* Sectional President, Mrs. C. Boyes, of *Vankoughnet,* speaking for all Sections, reported well-attended Meetings, and excellent Addresses given by Mrs. S. A. Milne, B.A., President of West Toronto Presbyterial. At *Gravenhurst,* the Junior Choir sang, accompanied by Organist, Mrs. T. C. McNeice; at *Essa Road,* the Leaders Workshop was valuable and interesting; Mrs. Norris Cochrane, of *Angus,* Presbyterial Children's Secretary described the programme of Visual Aids and Activities, demonstrated by Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, and Synodical Children's Secretary, Mrs. V. Weir. Miss Helen Webb, *Barrie,* gave a vivid picture of the W.M.S. Training Centre, at Albert College, *Belleville,* which she attended with Mrs. C. A. McCarroll, *Cookstown,* and Mrs. J. G. McGuire, *Orillia.* President, Mrs. E. McClung, closed the Meeting with a meditation on the ancient Benediction, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee."

The Afternoon W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Huntsville,* at their Thank-Offering Meeting, heard the Rev. J. Garth Poff, B.A., B.D., speak on "The Mission of The Church, as it Relates to W.M.S. Work." Mrs. V. Woodcock conducted the Worship Service, assisted by Mrs. Laura Lush; Mrs. Robert McNair presided; Mrs. E. G. R. Rogers was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. J. Garth Poff.

FORMATION OF THE NEW PRESBYTERIAL OF BRAMPTON—The General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Canada, meeting in June 1965, authorized the erection of the new Presbytery of *Brampton.* This Presbytery is comprised of pastoral charges in, or adjacent to, the counties of *Halton* and *Peel.* Some were previously in the Presbytery of *West Toronto,* the Presbytery of

Guelph, and the Presbytery of *Orangeville.*

It was felt that this step was necessary in order to strengthen the Rural Presbyteries, and to group together these Churches having common problems. At the first Meeting of the new Presbytery of *Brampton,* on September 14, 1965, the Rev. R. G. MacMillan, of *Oakville,* was elected Moderator, and the Rev. F. N. Young, of *Georgetown,* was elected Clerk.

The formation of a new Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), was considered, in order that the territory covered by the Presbyterials of the W.M.S. might coincide with that of the Presbyteries of the Church.

Mrs. Fred Black, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, met at *Orangeville* with the Presidents of the Presbyterials of *Orangeville, Barrie, Guelph, West Toronto*, and *Saugeen.* Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, and Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, were present also, in connection with the forming of Brampton Presbyterial, and to ascertain the feeling of the Presbyterials involved in the forming of a *Brampton* Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). A second Meeting was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brampton,* on December 5, 1965, at which the Presidents, or their substitutes, of Groups in the Churches affected by this change, were invited to meet with the above mentioned, to discuss the preliminary steps for the forming of a *Brampton* Presbyterial.

A Nominating Committee was appointed to bring in a slate of Officers, and it was decided to hold the first Meeting of the new Presbyterial of *Brampton,* at *Nashville,* on January 31st, 1966, at 4.30 P.M. Churches which comprise the new Presbyterial are as follows:—

FROM WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL: — *Bolton* and *Nashville Boston* and *Omagh*; *Clarkson Rd.*; *Dixie; Georgetown* and *Limehouse*; *Milton* and *Hornby*; *Oakville*; *Hopedale*; *Port Credit*; *Streetsville* and *Sixteen*; *Erindale*; and *Brampton.*

FROM GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—*Acton*; *Campbellville*; and *Nassagawaya.*

FROM ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL:—*Caledon East*; *Caledon* and *Claude*; *Erin* and *Ospringe*; *Grand Valley* and *South Luther*; *Hillsburg*; *Price's Corners* and *Bethel*; *Orangeville* and *Waldemar.*

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — When the Arvilla MacGregor W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa,* held a Meeting at the Ontario Boys' School, *Beamsville,* the President, Mrs. Alex McDonald, presided; Miss Jean MacInnis conducted the Worship Service; Mr. Mel Smith led a Sing-Song of favourite Hymns; and two films were shown and enjoyed by the boys—"On The

Rim of Tomorrow," and "Water Skiing at Cypress Gardens, Florida." On behalf of the Group, a number of records were presented to the School by Mrs. Brett, and refreshments were served at the close of the Meeting. This Meeting was a follow-up to the occasion when the boys had Supper and took part in an Evening Service at Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa,* and it is hoped that it will become an Annual Event.

At a recent Missionary Week-End in *Oshawa,* the Rev. Clare McGill of Formosa was the Guest Speaker at a Luncheon sponsored by the three W.M.S. Groups of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa*; at the Explorer Rally in this Church, and at a Sunday Evening Service in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa.* Mrs. Alex McDonald conducted the Luncheon Meeting, when guests from *Pickering, West Hill, Ashburn,* and from St. Luke's, St. Paul's, and the Hungarian, Churches of *Oshawa*, were welcomed by Mrs. J. Swindells and Mrs. N. Short. Mr. McGill told about his translation work among the Tyal Tribes, which gave them, for the first time, a written language, and also of the difficulties he encountered in translating the Scriptures in the Tyal tongue. A Meeting was also sponsored by the Young Peoples' Societies, at which Mr. McGill showed interesting slides of *Formosa.*

At the Rally of East Toronto Presbyterial, held in Melrose Park Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* the Theme was "The Challenge of Change," and President, Mrs. W. J. Head presided at all Sessions. The Afternoon Worship Service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Marshall; the Evening Service Devotional was conducted by Mrs. A. B. Lane, of Glenview Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, moderated a Panel Discussion outlining the structure of the Church and the W.M.S. The Rev. D. T. Evans, Chairman of The General Board of Missions, and President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, of the W.M.S., were Panel members, and presented a Report on the General Assembly, and the Annual Council Meetings, with reference to the work of the Boards of the Church, and the Committees of Council Executive. Evening Workshops, conducted by members of the Adult Work Committee of Council Executive, assisted the Leaders and members in preparation for Study Meetings. Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization introduced the Adult Study, "Mission — The Christian's Calling," with a short Playlet.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—The closing Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, *Orangeville,* with President, Mrs. S. McNeilly presiding, and 60 members attending. The Meeting opened with Prayer by the President, and the Theme "Go from strength to strength" was repeated by all. Mrs. H. B. McInnes, of *Markdale,* gave the Presbyterial History from 1886 to 1966, and Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary was the Guest Speaker. The Rev. D. Gibson closed the Morning Session with Prayer, and during the Dinner Hour, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. McNeilly were honoured for their many years of service. After the Afternoon Devotions and the Memorial Service, Miss Powrie conducted a Question and Answer Period. The Rev. D. Gibson in his Closing Address, based on Proverbs 29-verse 18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish," said that after 80 years of Presbyterial work well done, he realized that for many there was a note of sadness at this Rally. The singing of the Hymn, "Forward be our Watchword" and Prayer by Rev. D. Gibson, closed the final Rally of Orangeville Presbyterial.

In January of 1966, the final Annual Meeting of *Orangeville* Presbyterial was held at the home of Mrs. D. J. Scott. President, Mrs. S. McNeilly, led the members in repeating the Apostles Creed, followed by Prayer. The Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. Scott, from Genesis 19, verses 8-17, and she spoke on "What Doth the Future Hold?" The 18 members present answered Roll Call with a Bible Promise. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. A. T. Percy, and Mrs. McNeilly opened the Afternoon Session by reading the Beatitudes, followed by prayer. Excellent Reports of the past year's work were given by the Secretaries. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, was present on this historic occasion, and answered many questions regarding the new *Brampton* Presbyterial, outlining the many changes to take place.

In closing, the Twenty-Third Psalm was repeated, and President Mrs. McNeilly gave an inspiring commentary on the Psalm. It was moved by Mrs. E. Martin, of *Claude,* seconded by Mrs. A. Davies, of *Grand Valley,* that the Orangeville Presbyterial be dissolved, and this was agreed. The Churches formerly included now become a part of the Presbyterials of *Barrie* and *Brampton.* Psalm 19 was then sung, and all repeated the Mizpah Benediction, thus ending the eighty years work of Orangeville Presbyterial, from 1886 to 1966, which now belongs to history.

Several members of the Executive of Orangeville Presbyterial attended the Dedication Service when a Book of Praise was presented to Erskine Presbyterian Church, by Orangeville Presbyterial, as a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. R. D. Fraser, who gave many years of loyal service as President of Orangeville Presbyterial. Mrs. Fraser was Organist and Choir Leader of this Church for many years, and this Book of Praise is to remain always on the Organ in her honour. The Dedication Service was held at the Morning Service on January 30th, 1966, and the book was accepted by the Minister.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — There was a good attendance at the Rally of this Presbyterial, held in Arnas Church, *Dromore,* when President Mrs. J. Perkins opened the Morning Service with the Call to Worship. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, then introduced the new Study Book, and displayed resource materials which could do much to increase interest in the Study. The Rev. A. N. Reid, on behalf of the congregation, welcomed the delegates, and brought the greetings of Presbytery, in the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. J. D. Waldie.

At the Afternoon Session, Mrs. Gordon Coutts led in prayer; Mrs. Brian Parks and Mrs. J. Darling sang, accompanied by Mrs. A. N. Reid. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. Hawkins and Mrs. J. Rogers, of *Arthur.* Miss Powrie showed a film, "Question of Recognition" which could be used to advantage by any Church Groups, and Mrs. T. Richardson, of *Harriston,* gave a report of the W.M.S. Training Centre at *Belleville.*

Guests were present from *Fairbairn,* and Knox Presbyterian Church, *Normandy,* when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Holstein,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting. The Rev. B. L. Walden, Bible Society Secretary, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, and showed an interesting film portraying the work of the Society across *Canada.* The ladies of Holstein Choir sang an Anthem, and Mrs. Wm. Smith was Soloist.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Moorefield,* Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., now retiring from 34 years of Missionary work in *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker. The Misses Donna and Kathryn McIasaac sang a duet. Several W.M.S. Auxiliaries from neighbouring Churches were welcome guests at this Meeting.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The Theme of the Annual Meeting of West Toronto Presbyterial, held in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was "Neither Hot or Cold," and President Mrs. S. A. Milne, B.A., presided at all Sessions. The Rev. E. Seress, of First Hungarian Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was the Afternoon Guest Speaker, and gave a short history of the Hungarians in *Canada,* and their gratitude to the Presbyterian Church in Canada for their help in enabling the Hungarian Church to continue during the depression years.

At the Evening Session, the Rev. D. T. Evans, B.A., Chairman of the General Board of Missions, was the Guest Speaker, and told of his recent visit to our work in *India.* Speaking of the serious famine conditions now prevailing in that land, he said that the Missionaries, both men and women, were doing God's work against almost impossible odds and made a strong appeal for the giving of material help, as well as remembering these tireless workers in our prayers.

The Rev. P. L. Storms, Minister of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, conducted the Worship Service, and Miss Cruikshank, of the Chalmers W.M.S. Auxiliary welcomed delegates. Greetings were presented by Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.); Mrs. F. Black, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical; Mrs. W. J. Head, President of East Toronto Presbyterial; and the Rev. D. C. McLelland, M.A., B.D., Moderator of West Toronto Presbytery, who also installed the Officers for 1966, with Mrs. S. A. Milne re-elected President. The Musical Programme was given by Chalmers Choir, with Soloist, Mr. M. Richards, and Organist, Miss E. Gordon.

Reports were reviewed by Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary. There were two new Reports this year—one on the "Canteen of the Ontario Hospital," operated on an inter-faith basis, with Presbyterian women working there every Thursday and on fourth Saturdays; the other new report told of the "1800 Baby Shirts," which went to *India, Kenora Fellowship Centre, Prince Albert Centre,* the Indian Hospital at *Sioux Lookout,* and, through the Canadian Save the Children Fund, to *Chile, Greece, Korea* and *Labrador.* A presentation of an Honorary Membership was made to Mrs. M. V. Muir, a long-time W.M.S. worker. Due to Mrs. Muir's illness, Miss Alma Cheyne accepted it on her behalf. A Panel of five members, gave the second programme of the Study "The Christian's Calling," showing how to have individual Group members participating.

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OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — For the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, members met in the Hall of historic old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa.* The Theme of the Meeting was "All nations shall come and Worship before Thee." The Rev. A. W. Currie, M.A., B.D., M.Th., Minister of this Church, gave the Opening Devotional, based on Matthew 25, verse 31. The President, Mrs. F. M. Mooney, was in the Chair, and, following Roll Call, reports were presented from the President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, of *Toronto,* Supply Secretary on Council Executive, spoke on the work of the Supply Department.

The Treasurer's Report, given by Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Boyd, of *Ottawa,* was most encouraging, showing the grand total of $10,373.00 given by this Presbyterial in 1965. In her Presidential Report, Mrs. Mooney said that both the

President and other members of the Sub-Executive had visited many Groups during the year, and the President was invited as Guest Speaker at the Meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial in *Arnprior*. The Reports of the Secretaries for Children's Groups disclosed the fact that it is not the children, but Leaders for the Groups, who are lacking. It was stressed that members should seek to allocate their time, and so be able to give more volunteer help where needed; first, of course, to the work of our Church, as God has called us to work for Him, and then to Charitable Organizations — find time, for instance, to help in Children's Groups; on Presbyterial Executives; promote new Organizations where possible; encourage someone to attend the W.M.S. Training School, in order to give effective Leadership.

Two Missionaries have gone out from this Presbyterial in 1965 — Miss Diane Petrie, Reg.N., B.Sc.N. of St. Martin's Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* and Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N. of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa.* Of much interest was the "Friendly Visiting Inter-Faith Committee," of which this Presbyterial has been a part during the past year, and in which Miss Gwen Leslie and Mrs. J. M. MacLeod have been very active. Held in warm remembrance were two late members, Miss Isabel Hill and Mrs. Ruth Emslie, who passed away during the year, both of whom had given valuable service on Ottawa Presbyterial Executive for many years.

Miss Athalie Read, on furlough from *British Guiana* was an honoured guest and conducted the Installation of the 1966 Executive.

Others taking part in the Meeting were Mrs. P. Montgomery; the Rev. J. L. Burgess; M.A., of Aylmer, *Quebec*; Soloist, Mr. David Brearley; and Mrs. P. W. Murray, Vice-President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical.

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"No June has yet come, without orchards in bloom!"
(L.M.C.)

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"THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR HELPER"

Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches For the 1966 Day of Pentecost May 29, 1966

"BUT THE COMFORTER, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you". (John 14-verse 26.)

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will shew you things to come".

"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you". (John 16: verses 13-14)

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

"As Presidents of the World Council of Churches, it is our privilege, once again, to declare the message of Pentecost, and especially to echo its note of assurance that God is with us as an *ever-present helper*. We would catch again the meaning which lies behind the old translation of 'Comforter'. The Holy Spirit has come, still comes, and will come to our aid and our rescue.

We call to your remembrance, what our Lord said as He anticipated God's gift of the Holy Spirit. In the darkened world of His day, when the shadows were lengthening over His own life, He said to His disciples: 'but the Comforter, whom the Father will send in My name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you'. (John 14: verse 26). Pentecost confirms the historical reality of our faith. Whatever men may do, or may not do, they cannot alter the fact that our world was the scene of God's great redeeming acts, and that in a human life, He manifested the fullness of His grace and glory.

Having come into our world and our life, God has never forsaken them. In our common life, witness and activity, God, through the continuing presence and activity of His Holy Spirit, is our helper. When we reflect on our common calling to work for the unity of the Church and of all mankind, for social, economic justice and for the peace of the tasks we thus confront, we become aware of our inadequacy.

It is in such a moment that the message of Pentecost sounds in our ears with relevance and clarity. We did not choose these tasks, we were chosen *for* them. The reason why we are engaged in them at all, is because God called us by the Holy Spirit to attempt them, and by that same Spirit evoked the response of obedience in us. The Spirit is ever helping our infirmities. making His strength perfect in our weakness. Pentecost, with its message of the Holy Spirit, the Helper, sounds for us here and now, and even in the darkest hour, a great 'Sursum Corda'—'Lift Up Your Hearts!'

Pentecost is not only an assurance about the past and the present, but also about the future. 'When the spirit of truth comes . . . he will declare to you the things that are to come'. (John 16: verse 13.) The truth about the future, the future of our world, of each one of us, is in the mind of the Spirit. Power to possess the future, in the name of Jesus, the Christ, this is the gift of the same Spirit, and of Him alone.

We pray that through the message of Pentecost, that God is our Helper, that Churches and Christian people, everywhere, may be given new heart and confidence, and find in Him the source of the only lasting hope."

This message, which will be read in many languages, and many Churches of different denominations throughout the world, on Pentecost Sunday, May 29, 1966, is signed by the Honorary President, J. H. Oldham, St. Leonards-on-Sea, England, an octogenarian ecumenical pioneer; His Eminence Archbishop Iakovoa, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America; Sir Francis Ibiam, advisor to the Military Governor of the Eastern Provinces of Nigeria, and leading Presbyterian layman, of Enuga, Nigeria; Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, London; Principal David Moses of Hislop College, and member of the Church of Northern India and Pakistan, Nagpur, India; Dr. Martin Niemoeller, former President of the Evangelical Church of Hesse—Nassau, Weisbaden, Germany; and Dr. Charles C. Parlin, New York lawyer and Methodist layman. These were elected at the World Council of Churches Third Assembly in New Delhi, 1961.

All Christians will be celebrating Pentecost on the same day this year—Sunday, May 29th, but this does not often happen, because the Eastern Orthodox Churches use a different calendar to figure their Church year. Pentecost Sunday always comes seven weeks (50 days) after Easter, which means that the Eastern Orthodox Greek Churches usually celebrate both Easter and Pentecost a week, or more, later than do the Western Churches. In 1966, however the dates coincide, and all Christians will celebrate Pentecost together.

The Day of Pentecost marks the event described in the second Chapter of the Book of Acts, when the Holy Spirit, which Jesus had promised would come, descended on the small group of followers who had gathered together, fifty days after the Resurrection, to celebrate an age-old religious festival. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance". (Book of Acts, Chapter 2: verse 4) Almost at once, some 3,000 converts were added to the faith. Indeed, many historians date the beginning of the Christian Church from that event.

Pentecost is now observed by many Churches as a day to stress the unity and mission of the Church. In an age of estrangement, when some are even saying that God is dead, how re-assuring and good it is that the Presidents of the World Council of Churches—which now represents 214 Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic Churches, diverse in their history, traditions, and organizations—can say, with the full fervour of the Christian faith—"God *is* with us, as an ever-present helper! The Holy Spirit *has* come, *still* comes, and *will* come to our aid and rescue!" And that is the very basis on which the Council continues together as "a fellowship of Churches, which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour, according to the Scriptures, and therefore seek to fulfill together their common calling to the Glory of the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit". Most of the major Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglican Churches in Canada, and the United States are included in the World Council of Churches.—(Editor.)

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IN JUNE

June keeps her ancient tryst: — To every bird
A bough whereon to nest and rear her young;
To bees, the honeyed flowers; to lovers all,
The scented moonlight, and the rain washed earth;
To those who till the soil, the bursting seed,
The miracle of growth, and fruit well set;
To those who dream great dreams, the whispering night,
Brooding the world, and stretching to the stars,
And to each heart that braved a winter's pain,
The quiet comfort of green leaves again!

(Selected)

PRAYER

by MISS CLARE HANES
Regional Secretary, Hamilton, Ont.

O Lord our Maker, Thou who are infinite and eternal, Thee we would worship and adore, for Thou art God, and before Thee there is none other.

O Thou, who dwellest in light inaccessible, though it was not possible for mankind to see Thee, or come to Thee, yet Thou hast made Thyself known to us, through the coming to earth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we come, humbly, to offer to Thee our thankful praise for all Thy goodness to us. O Thou, who hast taught us to call Thee Father, we would come, confessing our weakness and sin, for we are a people prone to follow from afar.

Our Father, unto whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse Thou our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, and renew a right spirit within us.

This we would ask not only for ourselves, but for Thy Church Universal, that she may be found a worthy witness for Thee. Help us to remember that we are the Church, wherever we are. Help us to hear Thee speaking afresh in the words of Jesus, as He calls us to follow, and bids us to be lights in the world.

Accept our Father, our thanksgiving for all the ways in which we have been led by Thy hand; for lessons taught through moments of sorrow and pain; for the renewal of mind and spirit through the knowledge of Thy forgiveness; for the evidences of Thy creative work in the coming of Spring, with its growth and promise. We thank Thee for the moments of joy which come to us through the fellowship of believers, and for the gestures of love manifested in friends and family.

O Thou who art the Giver of every good and perfect gift, accept our thanks for these blessings. Help us to take joy in our work, and give us the discernment to choose, always, things that ought to come first, in the busyness of life.

Strengthen and inspire us, in His Name to be a help and example to others around us. Grant Thy blessing upon those in special need of Thee, here, and in the far places of Thy vineyard.

Our Father, especially would we ask that Thou wilt teach us anew to pray, through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that Thy kingdom may come in the lives and hearts of many. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

SYNODICAL GIVINGS
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1 — TO ALL GROUP MEMBERS

Since most groups do not meet during the summer months, could you manage to advance some or all of your summer offerings at your June meeting? The Society's maintenance of work is a steady twelve months' responsibility.

2 — TO ALL TREASURERS — Group, Presbyterial, Synodical:

Would you kindly remit all General Fund monies promptly? It would greatly facilitate matters if the Group Treasurer would remit **AFTER EACH MEETING.** If every Group would send in as little as $10.00, it would mean over $10,000.00, and much more than that is being held in Group bank accounts. This year the Society requires nearly $40,000.00 per month to cover expenses. Presbyterials and Synodicals cannot remit efficiently if the source fails — that is, the individual member, plus the Group Treasurer.

Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Kindly accept my thanks in advance.

(Miss) E. Luzetta McClelland
Treasurer

GLEANINGS FROM STAFF REPORTS

by GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.

THE ARTICLE which was scheduled for this month's "Sharing in Canadian Missions" was not available. We, therefore, have chosen some excerpts from recent staff reports, which we think will be of interest to our readers.

From Vancouver, Miss Ruth Yeandle writes of the Chinese work: "For a long time it has been our desire to form a young people's society, but we have not had the young people. In 1965 a group came to our Sunday School Superintendent, John Lee, asking him to help them form a Senior High Fellowship. This group has grown in numbers and usefulness as the year has sped by. They have taken the responsibility of forming a choir with their own members as organist and choir leader. They have held a Youth Rally and assisted in congregational programmes. We trust that by His grace they will become the much-needed leaders in the congregation as the years go by." Of this same area of work, Miss Susan Yeung writes: "I have been Superintendent of the Kindergarten Department of the Sunday School. There are eighty-five children enrolled in this department. It is a satisfaction to me to see so many of our kindergarten children coming to Sunday School every week. Even after they go to public school they still come to our Sunday School. Getting teachers is a problem, but I am grateful for a good staff. Five of my teachers came to know the Lord through having children in the kindergarten themselves."

Miss Marilyn Duffield, who divides her time between the Whitefish Bay Reserve and the Kenora Fellowship Centre, writes of her work in the Centre as follows: "My responsibilities at the Kenora Fellowship Centre vary from general duties to job referrals, welfare needs, children's aid, counselling, guiding, encouragement, enrolling in courses, visiting, etc. The Thunderbird Club, forty-five high school students from reservations throughout this area, is a keen and active group. They have a very capable executive who are good leaders."

Mrs. G. W. Bradley tells of her work of hospital visitation: "A close bond of friendship develops between Visitor and patients who spend weeks in hospital for surgery and treatments. Some had returned, after a period at home, for further tests and in some cases, surgery. Following, as I try to do, a schedule, each patient knows the day of my visitation, and often I am greeted by "Oh, I knew you would be here today". It is difficult to report so personal a service; however, the Visitor cherishes her daily contacts, varied as they may be. Prayer and the assurance of God's constant presence strengthens your Visitor for each day's work."

Reporting on their work centred at 748 Flora Avenue, Winnipeg, during the first quarter of the year, Misses Iris Ford and Dorothy McCombie write: "We are pleased to report that in this quarter three new activities have come to fruition. There is a Saturday morning reading club and story time, taken by Mrs. Jean McDonald of First Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Greater Winnipeg School Board. Twelve pre-school and Grade 1 children gathered here last Saturday morning, quite excited. The T.V. men had come to take pictures to publicize this, the only city project in the series of "The Army of Reading Parents". The children of the neighbourhood are beginning to come to us for help with their homework. We have found the school Principal and the teachers helpful and co-operative, especially in publicizing the new C.G.I.T. group which we started two weeks ago. We now have thirteen girls, twelve to fifteen, meeting on Wednesday evening. It is in this teenage bracket that we find the Inner City environment having a detrimental effect, and it is hoped that this group will help the girls to realize that there is a better way.

We have taken upon ourselves the leadership of C.G.I.T. as well as the other groups, because the children in the area do not respond to 'outside' leadership. We belong to this area and are accepted among them. This attitude makes finding a leader for the boys' club very difficult. The answer appears to be finding some father in the neighbourhood capable of giving leadership. This is hard. The boys' club is no longer active and waits for this leadership problem to be solved.

Thirty-five children ages nine and up diligently auditioned for a place in our Inner City Junior Choir started in mid-March. They will be singing lustily at the first Presbytery-wide Easter Junior Choir Rally and after that, we hope at some of our churches.

You will be interested to know that we shall be holding our first family service here on Easter Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Bruce Miles will conduct the service and the Junior Choir will lead the singing. To accommodate the children as well as a few parents (we hope!!) this service will be held in the basement (unless it floods).

God continues to bless the work. We were amazed on our return to work, after being hospitalized, that we did not lose one child, in fact the attendance in both clubs increased considerably."

We would ask for the prayer support of the members of the Society for these and all other members of our National Staff as they seek to carry on their ministry of reconciliation in His Name.

CORRECTION!

On page 9, of the April Issue, an error has been made in the Article, "The Kenora Fellowship Centre", written by Dr. James Dunn, Director of The Centre. Dr. Dunn points out that the donations from across Canada for the work of the Centre, which read **$10,116,** is incorrect, and asks that this figure should be corrected. This we are very glad to do. The correct amount received is **$1,116,** in donations from across Canada. (Ed)

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centre 1966

Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

July 18-22, 1966

Purpose:

To provide opportunity for women, especially those carrying leadership responsibilities to grow —

- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in understanding of what is involved in Christian Mission in local areas, in Canada and around the world
- in ability as leaders

Please note that there will not be a W.M.S. Training Centre in this area in 1967. Do encourage as many as possible to take advantage of this Training Centre in 1966.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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— '66-'67 PROGRAMMES —

by MISS MAY NUTT
Assistant in The Adult Department

Is it too soon to talk about next year's programmes?

Recently in magazines, newspapers and on the television we have been reading and hearing about—

Centennial Holidays
Centennial Food
Centennial Feature Articles
Centennial Pictures
Centennial Maps
Centennial Symbols

It would appear that it isn't too early to be thinking about the Centennial!

This year, when our Study Programmes are also related to the Centennial, let's begin to think, read, and plan for our programmes right now.

"Why", you may say, "it's time for holidays—not for programme planning." Perhaps on your holiday this year you could keep in mind the fact that a knowledge of the history of Canada will be a good background for this year's study. Why not choose an historical spot for your holidays? We see advertised—"This summer take a closer look at Canada",—"Adventure Vacations on the Heritage Highways"—or "Explore Canada '66", so it won't be hard to find places and information on the historical significance of any area in Canada this summer.

This summer, don't go whizzing by the signs which say "Historical Marker" with the comment "wonder what battle took place there?" Rather take time to stop and read the sign. It is amazing the interesting information which can be gathered about the history of our country in such simple ways. Before you start out, read the historical background of the places you will visit, and watch for booklets and pamphlets giving you more information. Even place-mats in restaurants sometimes relate historical events of interest to tourists. Some places of historical interest you come upon may not be very far from your home. Such places might be suitable for your group to visit. You could keep this in mind as you travel, too.

You might have time for reading, at the cottage this summer. Since April, you have been aware through the Glad Tidings, that the celebration of Canada's Centennial will be marked in our groups as we study the Adult Book prepared by the Canadian Council of Churches on the contribution of the Church to the development of Canada, entitled "The Church Grows in Canada". In his preface to the book, Mr. Wilson, the author, states—"In the celebration of our Confederation, the Churches, as custodians of a message of reconciliation, and professing allegiance to the intangible resources of religious faith, have a special responsibility. Our country's rich heritage of material resources will not save us, if we know not how to use them. Our educational advances will profit us little, if they enable us to reach the outer planets, but fail to teach us how to walk as brethren on this one. The achievement of fluent bilingualism will be of little avail if we have nothing uplifting to say to each other."

The general conclusion of this book is that the voice of God, coming in various ways and idioms to our forefathers, has not been silent in the growth of Canada.

This book will provide you with a number of hours of interesting and challenging reading.

You may also wish to read the book published by The Centennial Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, entitled "A Short History of the Presbyterian Church in Canada", which will give you in more detail the historical background of our own Church. For further information, you may wish to refresh your memory on the History of the Women's Missionary Society by looking through again "Call and Response", the history written at the time of the 100th Anniversary of the W.M.S. (W.D.). As you scan magazines, watch for articles on the Indian Canadian—many have appeared recently—and also articles on New Canadians with their various cultural backgrounds.

With this background reading and information at your finger tips, you will approach the programmes next year with anticipation. The packet will contain the book mentioned above—"The Church Grows in Canada" by Douglas J. Wilson. The book contains four parts: The Church in Early Canada—The Growth of the Protestant Church—The Church in Western Canada—and—Recent Developments.

Also included in the packet will be six study outlines. These outlines are prepared to help us look at the beginnings of the Church in Canada; Presbyterian beginnings; the Churches' influence in the opening up of the West; the Church at work among the Indian Canadians and various Ethnic groups; as well as questions about the Church today and in the future. In each programme outline there is a section on Bible Study. We have tried to choose a passage of Scripture that can be related to the subject being studied, and have included some questions for discussion. Since most of the passages are from Acts, members might wish to begin now to use the book of Acts for private meditation.

Group Secretaries will receive a letter early in September giving them further information about programmes and related resource material. Ask that this information be shared with your group.

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A SONG OF PRAISE!

"The Lord's my Father and my God: I envy not earth's wealth;
In glory, honour and domain, He giveth me my health.
The Lord is like a Lighthouse Bright; no darkness in my way;
A Peaceful Refuge through the night, Foundation Rock by day.
The Lord is Love; He leadeth me along the rightful road;
If I should stray and wilful be, He urges with His goad.
And though in desert rough I tread, I have no cause for fear;
The Living Water, Daily Bread, are always very near!
When facing cliffs, and chasms great, I'll not be driven back;
My Armament, indeed my Fate, maintain me in the track.
The mercy of the Lord is sure: He lifts me when I fall;
The Lord, my Shepherd, will endure: He is my Sheltering Wall.
He feeds me with the Food of Truth; I will not hungry be;
Nor shall I ever suffer thirst; the Living Water, He,
A fountain springs within my heart, supernally serene;
For of my mind, He is a part; My Lord has always been!
And so through all the length of days, this is my true design;
To follow Him, my Love, my Strength, my Hope, my Joy Divine!"

(By James Gordon McCaul)

The cornerstone of the Walter Gow Memorial Building, new headquarters of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, was laid on April the twelfth in Don Mills, Ontario. All departments of the Presbyterian Church, now operating in three separate locations, will be housed in the new building. It is expected to be ready for occupancy early this fall. Taking part in the cornerstone-laying ceremony were the moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Right Rev. J. A. Munro, and members of the denomination's Administrative Council.

THE GRACE OF GENEROSITY

"We must tell you, friends, about the grace of generosity, which God has imparted to our congregations in Macedonia"

(II Corinthians 8:1: New English Bible)

ALL GIVING is not generous giving. Ever since Ananias and Sapphira there have been those who give in Christ's name, but not for His sake. Some give to have praise of their neighbours. Some give to gain power over the needy. There is no clue in the gift itself, whether it comes from a generous or a niggardly heart. Generosity has to do with *motive* for giving —not amount!

The Macedonian Christians are held up as worthy examples of the grace of generosity, because of their spirit. They begged for the privilege of giving to Paul's "collection" for the needy in Jerusalem. Paul recognized that the reason for such unnatural behaviour, was because "first they gave themselves", to the Lord. The effect of this spiritual commitment was a divine compulsion to help the needy, even though they, themselves, were very poor.

Paul, therefore, had a two-fold purpose in making his appeal to the Corinthians for "the collection". He wanted their help for the Jerusalem problem of poverty. But he also wanted them to be helped with their own problem of lack of generosity.

The Stewardship Programme in the Christian Church serves this two-fold purpose of the Apostle. First, there is the Programme to be financed. Second, there is the cultivation of the generous spirit. It is the second problem which requires all the skill, and effort, which we can command, and, even then, we can only offer opportunities for generosity. We can pressure a person into giving *money,* but only the person, herself, can give herself unto the Lord!

Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest;
To give, and not to count the cost;
To fight, and not to heed the wounds;
To toil on, and not to seek for rest;
To labour, and not to ask for any reward
Save that of knowing that we do Thy will;
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Selected From The Editor's Treasure Box)

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. M. J. (Maud) Campbell	Westminster, Sault Ste Marie	Algoma
Miss Elizabeth McArthur	St. Andrew's, Coldwater (correction)	Barrie
Mrs. Geo. (Margaret) Cooke	Tweedsmuir, Orangeville	Brampton
Mrs. Mary Crossman	Knox, Acton	Brampton
Mrs. Wm. Crane	Knox, Grand Valley	Brampton
Mrs. Herb Irvine	Knox, Grand Valley	Brampton
Mrs. H. D. Moore	St. Andrew's, Brampton	Brampton
Mrs. Sarah Morton	Presbyterian, Elphinstone	Brandon
Mrs. R. Wilson	Presbyterian, Elphinstone	Brandon
Mrs. F. A. Fisher	First, Brandon	Brandon
Mrs. Kenneth Thorpe	St. Andrew's, South Mountain,	Brockville
Miss Ella MacGilvray	St. Paul's, Wiarton	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Scott	Kenyon, Dunvegan	Glengarry
Mrs. Albert Fraser	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. William A. Young	St. Andrew's, Arnprior	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Rankin Taylor	St. Andrew's, Arnprior	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Milton Purdon	Knox, McDonald's Corners	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Alex Drynan	St. Andrew's, Cobden	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. W. L. Stevenson	St. Andrew's, Cobden	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Charles Archer	Knox, West Lorne	London
Mrs. Ethel Taylor	Knox, Belmont	London
Mrs. C. J. Crawford	Knox, Belmont	London
Mrs. W. D. Robertson	Knox, St. Catharines	Niagara
Mrs. Frank L. Letts	St. Andrews, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. Wilfred Renwick	St. Andrew's, Mount Forest	Saugeen
Miss Mabel Hyndman	Parkdale, Toronto	West Toronto

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In Remembrance (Continued)

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Isabel Petch	Parkdale, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. W. C. McGraw	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. D. W. Morrison	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Miss M. C. Williams	Presbyterian, West Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. Hannah Taylor (Treasurer, Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary for 35 years)	Gordon, South Burnaby	Westminster

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"All souls are Thine, we must not say
That those are dead who pass away;
From this world of flesh set free
We know them living — unto Thee!"

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all Missionaries serving the National Staff, especially those who have been privileged to attend the Annual Meeting of Council. May they realize, as never before, the importance of this particular task, as they think of the work as a whole.

—That this same inspiration may be conveyed by Delegates to those not present, that all may feel a new sense of Oneness, and thankfulness that this work is an integral part in the success of the "Total Mission", as carried out by the W.M.S.

—For all who lead in Vacation Church School, that the children who come may learn of Him who said:—"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

—For all who plan Summer Camps, that the youth who attend may have a memorable experience of living together, as Christians.

—For the Shimonoseki Kindergarten project; pray that, as the plans are worked out, the kindergarten may serve the Christian community to the glory of God.

—For the Korean Christian Church in Japan, as it gives leadership to the Korean people in days of adjustment to the Normalization Treaty. (The Normalization Treaty is one signed between Japan and Korea, which purports to end the hostilities between Korea and Japan.)

THE SHIMONOSEKI PROJECT

by MISS MAVIS J. HYNDMAN

Administrative Assistant—Korean Christian Church in Japan

WHAT IS IT?	A KINDERGARTEN TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.
WHERE IS IT?	SHIMONOSEKI KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SHIMONOSEKI, JAPAN.
WHEN WILL IT OPEN?	SEPTEMBER 1966, we pray!
WHO MAY ENROLL?	ALL KOREAN CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY — CHRISTIAN and Non-CHRISTIAN.

THESE ARE, perhaps, some of the most obvious questions which run through one's mind! You might also like to know, at least in part, some of the thinking and reasons for such a project, so let me try to share some of these thoughts with you.

Up until 1959, the Korean Christian Church in Japan was primarily concerned with the outreach to new preaching points, in areas where Koreans lived, and in the building of new churches to house established congregations. Leaders in the Korean Christian Church in Japan were conscious of a strong feeling of separateness between the Christian and non-Christian people in most of the Korean communities, and they decided that something must be done to help bridge this gap. When Miss Ada Adams, then Children's Work Secretary of The Women's Missionary Society, visited Japan in 1959, the Executive Committee approached her with this idea of a Korean Kindergarten, sponsored by the Church. They wondered if the W.M.S. (W.D.) would support such a programme by means of finances, experienced personnel perhaps, and through prayer. They requested Miss Adams to present this idea to the women in Canada.

The next matter to be reckoned with was in the choice of the best location to meet the greatest need. This entailed a great deal of discussion, and sometimes hot debate, but finally the City of Shimonoseki was chosen, for these clear-cut reasons: (a) Shimonoseki is located at the very end of the Main Island of Japan, and is the Port of Entry closest to Korea. (New Korean Christians, arriving in Japan at this

Port for the first time, have found Shimonoseki Church a real haven—a place in which to worship in their own language with fellow Koreans); (b) there are approximately 600,000 Koreans in Japan, with about 280,000 of these people living in this prefecture, and more than 7,800 Koreans in the immediate area surrounding Shimonoseki Korean Christian Church.

The young Minister of this Church, Rev. Y. K. Hong, was very sympathetic to this project, but later he became enthusiastically inspired, when non-Christian Korean Community Leaders approached the Church, asking for leadership within this heavily populated Korean area. Perhaps here the question runs through your mind — Why did the Korean Community Leaders turn to the Christian Church? This is interesting, and while quite apart from the topic at hand, nevertheless related in one sense, so let me digress.

In Japan, the law demands that people are cremated, regardless of religious belief, then, following that, the ashes are taken to a Buddhist Temple for burial. Many Koreans object, but could do nothing about it since there was no other choice really. The members of Shimonoseki Church, however, decided to take action, and about three years ago they were able to purchase property just outside the city to provide a place to hold a Christian Service, and a burial ground for the ashes following the cremation. The Church then offered the surrounding Korean community the privilege of using these grounds also. This witness to the Korean population opened their eyes, and a new respect and feeling of kinship began.

This new challenge from the Community Leaders was all Mr. Hong needed, and on their first meeting Mr. Hong and the two elders of Shimonoseki Church presented the idea of the Kindergarten, for all Korean children, to them. The community leaders were eager and enthusiastic, and for two very special reasons: (1) the Communist Koreans in Shimonoseki operate an excellent school which accommodates 600 pupils, from nursery classes up to and including Grade 9 students. Needless to say, there are thousands of people who object, but there is no law to prohibit such a school, as long as the school authorities comply with the rules and regulations set up for such institutions of learning. Interestingly enough, non-Christians are usually quite anxious to send their children to Christian schools, even though they don't want them to become Christians; (2) in Japan, Korean pre-school-age children are not readily accepted in the Japanese kindergartens, so this creates many problems.

Many meetings transpired between the Church leaders and the non-Christian community leaders, then, in October 1964, when Miss Mary Whale visited all the Churches of The Korean Christian

Church in Japan, along with Miss Tamiko Nakamura, they were specifically invited to attend one of of these sessions, to share in the dialogue. Miss Nakamura, as Christian Education Secretary, had supported and encouraged this project during her three years in Japan, and Miss Whale was keenly interested in learning all that she could, first-hand, in order that she could report her findings back to the Executive Council, and as a follow-up to Miss Adams' first report.

Pastor Hong has personally visited three top-rated Japanese Kindergartens, interviewed the principals and talked with the teachers. He was able to obtain the facts and figures re costs of buildings and the operations of these kindergartens, to be used as guides in the planning. Several plans have been drawn up as to size, structure, equipment required, etc. but the Committees have presented what they hope will be the approved blueprints, when the Building Committee of the K.C.C.J. meets in April 1966.

A door-to-door visitation by Committee members has been completed within the Korean community, and more than 30 families have verified their complete support. The total initial expenses, including the removing of the present manse from the property to allow for an adequate outside playground, renovation of the church building to allow for the kindergarten rooms, and costs of proper furnishings and necessary equipment, are to be shared equally by the local Korean community, Shimonoseki Church, and the General Assembly of the Korean Christian Church in Japan, and the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

There is already one well-qualified Korean teacher available, and another young girl in her second year of Kindergarten Teacher Training who has expressed her willingness and desire to serve in the K.C.C.J. in this specific way, following her graduation. It is the hope of K.C.C.J. that a missionary specializing in this area of work may be forthcoming from Canada too.

The present Committee will soon organize a Board of Directors which will include the Minister, two, or perhaps three, elders, a missionary, and three or four of the non-Christian Korean community leaders. The Christian principles for the operation of the kindergarten have been discussed, and it is interesting to note that the non-Christians agree completely.

Like all such undertakings, there have been disturbing elements and lots of setbacks, but none of the problems has broken the spirit or determination of the Shimonoseki Kindergarten Project Committee members, Christian and non-Christian, as they continue to raise the necessary funds and to meet regularly.

At the present time, the Church is only being used on Sunday for church school and Worship Services, and on Wednesday for a mid-week Prayer Service. Is this the Church? The Church must meet the needs of the people in the community and it seems that here is a golden opportunity for Christian witness. We cannot underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit as our non-Christian and Christian Koreans share in the problems, frustrations, and joys when the Shimonoseki Kindergarten becomes a reality.

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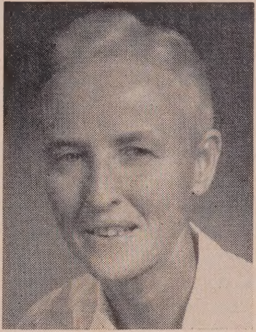
OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

MISS MARY SHERRICK arrived home in mid-May. Miss Sherrick has been serving as Treasurer for the Bhil field, India and as Administrator for Jobat Hospital. Because of her responsibility it has been agreed that her furlough will be a short one. She will not be on deputation but will spend the major part of the time — 4 months — in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.



Miss Mary Sherrick,
B.A., B.ED.

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"BALM OF GILEAD"

By Marjorie Cunningham

My heart was weary with its load,
By chance, I wandered down a road
That led into a quiet wood,
Where there in spring the tall trees stood,
Their slender branches stretching high,
A pale green tracery 'gainst the sky.
And then about me, all around.
Was wafted faint perfume—profound!
I felt confused—what could this be
That lifted care, and set me free?
Softly, once more the fragrance stole—
Sweet "Balm of Gilead" filled my soul!

Cut along this line

The Teen Years

DEAR READERS,

That we may make The Teen Years page of more use to the readers of Glad Tidings, especially Teenagers, we ask you to complete the evaluation form on the reverse side of this page and return it, either in an envelope to address below, or by folding and stamping page for mailing as directed,

and oblige,

The National Presbyterian Girls' Work Committee
(Chairman) Miss Mary Carrington.

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The National Secretary for Teenage Work,
63 St. George Street,
Toronto 5, Ontario.

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I Are you an adult (18 and over) ...... or a youth (under 18) ......

II Do you read The Teen Years page in The Glad Tidings

regularly ...... often ...... sometimes ...... never ......

III Which articles have you read in the past year? Please grade them

	Good	Fair	Poor
Introducing the Mission Study	......	......	......
She's Not My Type	......	......	......
Is It Wrong to Doubt?	......	......	......
Santa Claus, Move Over	......	......	......
What Are You Going to Do?	......	......	......
The School Librarian	......	......	......
The Pharmacist	......	......	......
The Journalist	......	......	......

IV Did you share these articles in any way with teenagers ...... How?

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V What type of material do you think should be on this page? ....

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for leaders? ....

for girls? ....

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

GIFT FROM THE SEA

By Anne Morrow Lindburgh

This is not a new book. In fact, it *is* a new paper-back edition of a very unusual and thought-arousing book which was written in 1955, by Anne Morrow Lindburgh, the wife of the famous Flyer, Charles A Lindburgh, and Mother of the baby son who was so tragically kidnapped from their home. I read it when it first came out, and was an instant best-seller, and was greatly impressed with the delicacy of thought and beauty of her attitude towards life, and its many problems and viewpoints. Now I have read it again, after an eleven-years' interval, and now I realize how much I missed in that first reading, and how much of great intrinsic value there really is disclosed and offered in her beautiful prose, which does indeed reveal the true values of that inner life, without which there can be no true fulfillment of living.

This small book of 128 pages is a real treasure to possess. It is really the story, and the experiences, of a vacation, which she spent all by herself on a quiet and beautiful sea shore, with only the winds and the waves, and the birds of the shore to keep her company. In her own words she tells us "As the sea tosses up its gifts—shells, beautiful, rare, and perfect—so the mind, left to its ponderings, brings up its own treasures of the deep". And indeed that is certainly true, if only we can learn to be aware of the quiet and peace which lead to the revelations and realizations of these "ponderings", which most of us are too busy and rushed to ever recognize as part of the inner being which every life must possess. This realization was, deeply, Anne's "gift from the sea", and in this fine book she shares the gift with all who read. A very worth-while book. Paper—Price $1.90.

MEN AS TREES WALKING

By Margaret T. Applegarth

The name of this Author is very well and widely known as an excellent and most interpretive story-teller, and especially in the realm of religious stories, which are completely free of moralizing, but are filled with warmth, strength, and absorbing interest, in every line. This Book is a wonderful collection of more than eighty of these stories, written with poetic insight and revealing purpose about the Spirit of God at work in the lives of men and women of all types and kinds. It is, of course, intended for personal reading, but it is planned also for the use of Ministers, Teachers, and Leaders, and is truly a rich mine of material, as well as of engrossing interest and poetic imagery. I would call this a "beautiful book", in the truest sense of those words. Price—$4.15.

BRIGHT WORLD AROUND US

By Margaret and Miller Stewart

This is a splendid—and factual—book about Canadian wildlife, and it compares most favourably with those wildlife classics by Ernest Seton Thompson, and Sir Charles Roberts, which never will be surpassed—except, perhaps by this one which is not in any sense fictionized, as they were, but brings to life the amazing wild creatures of our Canada, exactly as they are in real life. Both real pleasure, and instruction as well as knowledge, is offered in the reading of this well-written 183-page book, and anyone with real appreciation of the wonders and wisdom of the wild creatures, will delight in it. Not only does it cover the lives of the wild animals, but those of our domestic pets as well, and leaves the reader with a real understanding of them all—even the house cats and the dogs. There are beautiful Chapters on the wild birds, too, and the one on the humming-bird is of tremendous interest and charm. So, too, is the Chapter about the little Chickadees, with which we thought we were so familiar! This would make a lovely gift. Price—$4.50.

THE TOP 8 — ALL-TIME HITS FOR CHILDREN!

I cannot resist giving you this List, recently based on a Survey of Toronto Retailers, because, without exception, they are *all* the tried and true old-time favourites, which generations of children have read and loved —and apparently today's youngsters still like these best, despite any ideas we may hold about the sophisticated young people of today! Here they are—

1. Alice's Adventure in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll, with original illustrations. (Macmillan—$3.50.)
2. Peter Pan and Wendy, by Sir James Barrie. The original edition text with new illustrations. (Scribners—$6.25.)
3. The Wind In The Willows, by Kenneth Grahame. (Scribners—$3.25.)
4. Winnie, The Pooh, by A. A. Milne. (McClelland & Stewart—$3.50.)

5. The Wizard of Oz, by Frank Baum. (Reilley & Lee—$4.95.)
6. Anne of Green Gables—L. M. Montgomery. (Ryerson—$5.00.)
7. The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, by Howard Pyle. (Scribner's—$6.25.)
8. Just So Stories, by Rudyard Kipling. (Macmillan—$4.25.)

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME

By Elizabeth S. Pistole

In June, the month of Bridal Showers and Gifts, it is a real pleasure to tell you again about this attractive little book of new and tested recipes, which could make such a nice useful and inexpensive gift for some young girl about to try her hand at home-making. It has a nicely illustrated washable cover, and comes packed in a smart white presentation box. Elizabeth Pistole, the Author, is a busy home-maker, as well as a Public School Teacher, and the wife of a Minister-Professor. She has four children—Cindy, Carole, David and John, and every recipe in her book has been well tried out, and appreciated in her own home. Many of the recipes have been tried by our own girls in the Office. Their judgement is "They are all *good*"! Price—$1.75.

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NOT EVERYONE HEARS!

by Mary-Anne Kingdon

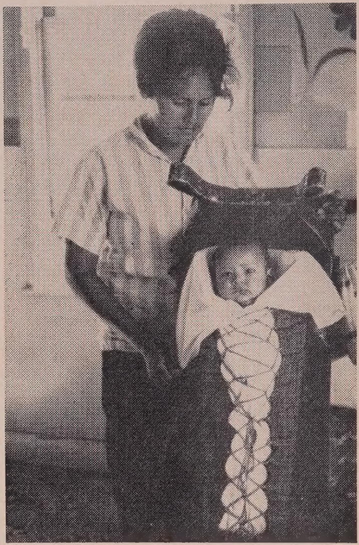
There is no creature living,
Or tiny leaf so small,
But heralds the power of the Lord's
Dominion over all!
He lives in every rock you see,
In every tree that stands
He dwells below the waters blue
And in cool, rippling sands.
No one could watch the sunshine
Flaming over all,
Or feel the gentle touch of rain
In springtime and in fall,
No one could see, and not believe,
Listen — and not hear,
But, oh, the many wandering souls,
That never feel God near!

Boys and Girls!

OUR LITTLE INDIAN BROTHER

by

IDA MACKENZIE



Baby Jason in his "tikinagan."

FIVE-YEAR-OLD Nancy came skipping into the Primary room of the Vacation Church School. "Good-morning Nancy," said Miss Gray, one of the teachers, "you are early this morning!"

"Yes, I know," said Nancy, "but I wanted to see what picture you'd have up this morning," and she moved over to the interest centre. "Oh! Oh!" she exclaimed, "Who is he? Is he really truly, or is he just make believe?"

Miss Gray smiled as she replied, "I can't tell you right now Nancy.

Everybody will want to hear the story. But we'll have it sometime this morning."

"I can hardly wait," said Nancy as she ran out to join the others playing games in the yard.

So it was that later that morning, with all the boys and girls gathered in a group around her, that Miss Gray held up the picture.

"This is the picture of a *real live baby,*" she said. "His name is Jason. He is a little Ojibway Indian. He lives on a Reserve near Kenora, in Ontario. Instead of a crib, Jason sleeps in what the Indian people call a tikinagan*. As you can see the tikinagan is a kind of cradle made of wood. Jason lies in it, wrapped in blankets, and he is warm and happy. Can you see the metal hoop above his head? That is to keep him safe if he should fall forward.

"At night Jason's mother places the tikinagan in a hammock above her bed. We know how much she loves her little baby, as she sings an Indian lullaby very softly and she rocks him back and forth, back and forth, until his big dark eyes close tightly, and he is fast asleep."

Nancy drew a deep breath as the story ended, and said, "I *wish* I had a little brother just like Jason!"

*pronounced—tick-in-ah-gan

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VACATION SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT

(One part of the Vacation School Mission Project for 1966 is to be contributed to "Operation Beaver", a Christian Service project of the young people of the denominations in the Canadian Council of Churches. A donation will be given to support the project itself, and a gift to assist an ongoing program with children at Whitefish Bay, Ontario. This project is of special interest to the Presbyterian Church, as this is a Presbyterian Church, and Miss Marilyn Duffield is the deaconess working in this area near Kenora.)

ONLY ONE MOTHER

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes; by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only **one** Mother in all the wide, wide world.

(Kate Douglas Wiggin)

A TESTED FORMULA FOR A HAPPIER LIFE!

(Compliments of The Daytona Beach Tourist Club, Florida, U.S.A.)

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole problem at once.

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will be happy. I will assume to be true what Abraham Lincoln once said—"Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be".

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires effort, through thought and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will adjust myself to what *is,* and not try to adjust everything to my own desire.

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out! I will do at least two things that I do not want to do—just for exercise! I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt. They may *be* hurt, but today I will not show it.

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, talk low, act courteously, criticize not at all, not find fault with anything—and not try to improve, or regulate, anybody but myself!

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will have a programme for my time—I will save myself from two pests—Hurry, and Indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will save one quiet half-hour all for myself. During this half-hour, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will be unafraid. Especially, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give back to me.

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will remember that God is my Heavenly Father, and that I am His child, and think, act, and feel accordingly.

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will begin the day, upon awakening, by praying, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; I will rejoice and be glad in it!"

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will pray at noon for the world's greatest need:—"Grant peace, O God, in our time. Amen."

JUST FOR TODAY—

I will give back to God this day, before going to sleep, in this covering prayer:—

"O Lord, Thou knowest how I live;
All that I've done amiss, forgive,
All of good, I've tried to do
Strengthen, bless, and carry through;
All I love, in safety keep—
While in Thee, I fall asleep." Amen

(Author Unknown)

(Sent to us by Mrs. Rubye Morton Jones, Daytona Beach, Florida, U.S.A.)

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PRAYER FOR HOME-MAKERS!

"Almighty and gracious Father, bless all the women who strive to be Christian home-makers around the world today. Grant to us all a sense of Thy abiding Presence in our homes, that we may know peace. Help us to reveal Thy love to members of our own households, that they may know happiness. Teach us to build strong Christian homes, that Thy Kingdom may be established in the hearts of our children and others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(The Christian Homemaker Magazine, San Francisco, Cal.)

"GOODBYE"

— WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IS IT one of those words which have become a habit of speech? Perhaps so — for, long since, we have ceased to think of the meaning of it! Someone has called it "just a vocal wave of the hand", yet at any separation, regardless of what it may be, the last word spoken is "goodbye", and thousands and thousands of goodbyes are said every day in the English-speaking world — in all languages, indeed, for the people of every nation have their own way of saying "goodbye".

Spoken in friendship, the word, "goodbye" holds memories in it, — sometimes glad — sometimes sad — memories which we have shared with the one who is now leaving us, perhaps for a little time — perhaps forever. Only God knows which! There is a prayer there, too, for originally "good bye" came from the heartfelt "God be with you!" There are hopes in the word "goodbye" also. Hopes that we shall meet again, and that God's care may encompass the departing one. A "goodbye" really *is* a word of faith; and faith, as we are told in Hebrews, is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen". We never know what lies on ahead, so, every time our friends leave us, they do go out of our sight into the unknown. "Goodbye", we say, and no change in the form of the words can rob them of their true meaning, for those who believe in the guidance and care of God.

Practically all languages have in their farewells this element of hope. True, anything may happen to the one who is leaving us, but our hope, as we express it in "goodbye" is for the best, and the best is that we shall see them again. "Auf Wiedersehen" say the Germans; "Au Revoir", say the French — the same expectation is expressed in both — the hope that the day will come when the miles will no longer separate us, and we shall be together again, face to face. "Go with God", says the Arab; the Jew says "Shalom", which means "peace". Each, in his own way, utters the immemorial faith in the presence of God on the road of life. The perils of the unknown are matched by the assurance that our lives are in

His hands. Amid all the dangers of the way, there is that final security in Him, whose "banner over us was love".

"Goodbye!" How rich and heartening a word it is with its memories, its hopes and faith! Never do these meanings bring such strength and comfort as when our day of life draws to its close, and the twilight begins to deepen into night. Then all of us must say "goodbye" to the sights and sounds of earthly life. Peter Pan, you will remember, said death must be "an awfully big adventure". Surely it will be, for in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we must go to discover, for ourselves, the unimaginable wonder of those things which God has in His keeping for those who love Him, and are worthy of His love.

Yet, in all of us, there is a haunting dread of death; our frail human nature shrinks from the thought, and reality, of dying. We would like to think that we shall die with courage and dignity, and say "goodbye", with faith. Surely, all that makes the word "goodbye" so meaningful in daily use, can help us give to our departure from earth a quality of victory. We have our memories of the un-numbered mercies of God; we have proven the truth of His promises; we have known His love; we have everything to deliver us from fear; like our Lord, we may, with grateful hearts, commend our spirits into the Hands of Eternal Love.

We have, too, our immortal hope. That death cannot destroy the life which is redeemed by Christ, is not a surmise — it is a promise. When our Lord said "goodbye" to His disciples, he spoke long and earnestly to them of what awaited them. But at the heart of that farewell, lay two glorious promises — that He would be with them, and that they would see Him again. It was out of that assurance that Paul declared the final conviction of his faith — that neither death nor life, nothing in all creation, could separate him from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In the same faith, multitudes have crossed the dark river, and death has been "swallowed up in victory."

It would be well if, while yet there is time, we remembered that, somewhere on ahead, we must all say "goodbye", and even now were preparing ourselves to say it with the peace which is their's, who know in whom they have believed, and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which they commend unto Him. Blessed be God, we shall never have to say "goodbye" to Him, for the promises stand — "I will never leave thee" — "I am with you always". That *is* Christianity! Wherefore, lift up your hearts. So, "goodbye" — "God Be With You"!

(From The Editor's Treasure Box. Author Unknown)

HERE IT IS AGAIN!

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SO THE END WILL BE!

God forces no man, each must choose his way,
And as he chooses, so the end will be;
One went in front, to point the Perfect Way,
Who follows, fears not where the end will be!

(John Oxenham)

A SINGLE SPARROW!

by ANN CONNOR

IT WAS A busy Friday morning. The traffic was flowing relentlessly round the Mersey Tunnel area. A rather shabby middle-aged man could be seen groping about in the middle of the road, and, for a moment, everything was brought to a halt. The man was quite oblivious that the contents of his pockets were strewn on the roadway. Unconcerned even about his own safety!

A chirping sound was heard, and a little frightened house sparrow could be seen hopping about in the roadway. It did not want to be caught. It did not realize that an attempt was being made to save it from a painful death. The man placed it in his pocket and moved on, muttering to the bird as he went. A van driver gave a broad approving grin, and started up his engine. The roar of the Mersey Tunnel traffic continued.

Just for that brief space of time, it seemed as if a glow from another world shone over the mundane commercial scene. One seemed to hear a Voice, speaking over nineteen centuries—"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And not one of them shall fall to the ground without your Father!"

(*Matthew 10, verse 29*). (*Courtesy of "The Messenger," Official Journal of the Presbyterian Church of England.*)

YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWETH!

"Not one sparrow falleth?"
But how *could* God know?
A thousand eyes could not see all,
For sparrows, numberless as sands
On every shore, alike must fall!
"Not one sparrow falleth!"
Oh yes — God does know.
A thousand eyes are His,
And mine I gave Him long ago,
Perchance that I might see
And learn to be His eyes
That see each need within my sphere
And fashion His replies!"

(Contributed by the Rev. A. V. Bentum, B.A., B.D. of Summerland, B.C., and inspired by watching the many birds at the feeding-tray outside a kitchen window. Ed.)

REMEMBER —

The "In Remembrance" Cards !

These are the dignified, white "Remembrance Gift" cards, with the W.M.S. crest, front bordering, and Old English lettering, of good "Presbyterian Blue", which were prepared in response to numerous requests from our members, so that, if so desired, friends of the departed one could, in lieu of flowers, make a gift to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) These cards seem to have well fulfilled their purpose — they have been well received, and widely used throughout our whole Society. They are always available in any quantities required, and the following statement outlines the plan for their distribution and use:—

1. These cards will be handled by the Presbyterial Literature Secretaries, who will order them, in such quantities as they desire, from the Publications Department.
2. The Auxiliary Literature Secretary, in her turn, will order the number she needs from the Presbyterial Secretary. The price will be at the rate of fifty cents per dozen. Presbyterial Secretaries are advised to keep a supply in stock.
3. Anyone desiring these cards may secure them from the Literature Secretary of the local Auxiliary, who should keep some on hand. In Auxiliaries without a Literature Secretary, some responsible person should be appointed to handle these cards.
4. The money so donated as an "In Remembrance" gift will be given to the Auxiliary Treasurer, who will then provide the donor with an official receipt.
5. The card, itself, will be signed and sent to the bereaved family by the donor.
6. These "In Remembrance" gifts will be included in the Auxiliary contribution to the General Fund of the Society.

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NOTHING

"Nothing is often a good thing to do, and *always* a clever thing to say!" (Dr. Will Durant, author of many books, including "The Story of Philosophy!"

A NEW FORMOSAN INTER-CHURCH WEEKLY
"THE FORMOSAN CHRISTIAN TRIBUNE"

THIS LONG-DESIRED new inter-Church weekly magazine, "The Formosan Christian Tribune," is the joint magazine of the Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Formosa. Beginning on September 1, 1965, it was founded in the one hundredth year of Protestant history in that land, and it becomes a major venture of these Churches in "The Second Century Together." It is an epochal achievement, begun because of the long-felt need of these Churches for a periodical which they could manage, and which would reflect the thinking of Churches. It will be a medium not only for local Church news, but will include developments among the Churches in other lands, and already "The Christian Tribune" shows promise of becoming a major Christian periodical in Asia.

The Rev. Mr. Hwang, well known among Presbyterians for his many years as the General Secretary of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa, is carrying the responsibility of being the General Manager of this new Christian publication in Formosa, which is published in Taipei. The Board of Managers, elected by the founding denominations, is composed of fifteen influential lay persons and clergy. Among these are well-known Theologians and Educators—Dr. C. A. Chin, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary; Dr. L. H. Chow, of the Asia Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. T. J. Ku, Dean of Tung Hai University; Miss A. W. Loh, Director of Religious Education of the Episcopal Church; and Dr. C. S. Song, President-Elect of Tainan Theological College. The Chairman is Dr. Fa-Tsang Ley, a prominent Episcopal layman, and a retired Public Official, and the Secretary is Miss Ellen M. Studley, of the Methodist Church. Other members of the Board have wide experience in journalism and publishing—The Rev. Chia-Sung Lee, Manager of the Presbyterian Church Press; Mr. T. M. Choa, a well-known Presbyterian journalist; and Rev. Benjamin Fong, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Mose Hsu, a veteran Chinese journalist, whose services were made available by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, for a three-year term, will serve as Advisory Editor, in addition to his duties as Guest Lecturer on Christian Journalism at Tainan Theological College, and Tung Hai University. He is a gifted linguist, with long experience in writing and publication, both in Asia and the United States. During his term he will be training prospective Christian writers, and giving guidance in the enlarging of Protestant publishing activities.

Each of the four founding Denominations has made an official commitment to underwrite the cost of producing "The Christian Tribune," until its income from subscriptions and advertising becomes sufficient to support it, and, in the meantime, for a brief period of years, the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, has promised to supplement the underwritings of the four Formosan Churches. The setting up of this new Christian Church Periodical in Formosa is an heroic and thoroughly worthwhile effort. We pray that God's blessing may rest upon it, and upon those whose vision it is, and we shall be watching its progress with great interest and Christian fellowship. (L.M.C.)

That Family Feeling!

Do you possess it, I wonder — that true "family feeling" in your Church life which makes you "one" with all the efforts and interests in that Church; which wakens within you the true desire to enter into and help with every angle of the work which is being done within your Church? There are many ways to test the answer to that question! For instance, as one of the subscribers and readers of our W.M.S. magazine, "The Glad Tidings," has it occurred to you how greatly you can help to rouse interest in these "written words" among the members of your Church by talking about them; by frequently passing on to others, bits of information found in its Articles and Pages? Never forget that in a Church, as well as in every other avenue of life in this day and age, the "written word" becomes of special importance, not only in conveying and impressing ideas to a much wider extent and area than even the human voice can do, but in fostering the family feeling, the sense of togetherness and belonging, of being a part of, and well informed about, all of the work every part of your Church is doing throughout the whole world. You will really be doing a service to your Church, and to your fellow-members, as well as to the Women's Missionary Society of our Church, if you seek the opportunities as often as you can, and in the right places, to ask — "Did you see that article about . . . . . . in the last 'Glad Tidings'?" Try this out for yourself, won't you? (L.M.C.)

SOME VERY UNUSUAL GARDENS!

IN MIAMI, there is a famous and beautifully-appointed Japanese Garden, which is just as authentic as such a Garden could possibly be, outside of the Land of the Rising Sun! This lovely Garden, which has been enjoyed and appreciated by thousands of people—both visitors and citizens of Miami—was a gift to the City of Miami from one of Japan's wealthiest men—the Tokyo industrialist, Kiyoshi Ichimura. Although this Japanese gentleman had made only two brief visits to Miami, he was greatly impressed. "I thought it was a nice City," he explained. "Almost perfect. How nice it would be if I could add something to make it even more beautiful!" When he went back to Japan, after his second visit to Miami, almost immediately he began showering the City with gifts!

He hired the Japanese landscape architect, Kingo Sokamoto, to design this beautiful Japanese Garden, and he paid for the transportation and wages of nine Japanese carpenters and gardeners to create the finished Garden in all its perfection of design and symmetry. The City of Miami provided the trees, the shrubbery and the expensive soil. In his generosity, Kiyoshi Ichimura has created a lovely bit of the real Japan in the United States of America, hoping that this Garden will become a retreat for Japanese Scholars and Philosophers in America, and will be a beautiful and lasting symbol of friendship between the peoples of the United States and Japan.

In Oakland, California, there is another very wonderful and unusual Garden—truly a "Garden In The Sky"—for the Kaiser Centre Roof Garden is made to cover the whole 3-acre roof surface of a six-story garage! Because of the varying ground-level created there—a range of some 2½ feet—this Garden has a most natural-looking undulating surface, and three-quarters of an acre of paving, makes beautiful curving walks and seating areas, where visitors can sit and relax in the calmness and beauty of this lovely "Garden-in-the-Sky." Over an acre of velvety green lawns has been created, and there is a fairy-like reflecting pool, with a water surface of some 8800 square feet. Plants and flowers are beautiful everywhere one looks, and 42 large specimen trees spread shade and coolness throughout the green vistas of lawn and flowering shrubs. At night, the whole garden is colourfully illuminated.

Not far from New York City, at a place called Woodbridge, New Jersey, the Bible Gardens of Israel have been set up, and these are most interesting and entirely different to most Gardens, since they are almost entirely filled with plants which are native to the Lands of the Bible. There is a very fine aim back of these important and unusual Gardens. It is "to promote a deeper understanding and a wider appreciation of the Holy Bible, through the public enjoyment and study of the authentic plants, trees and flowers, which are mentioned throughout the Holy Bible". These Gardens are actually four different Gardens and plantings—"The Garden of The Promised Land; The Garden of Moses; The Garden of The Kings; and The Garden of Peace." Besides the native plants, these Gardens contain rocks, pebbles, and woods, which have all been brought from various parts of the Holy Land, expressly for this Project.

There are many beautiful "Gardens for The Blind" throughout England and the United States, and there is a very delightful one right here in our own Toronto, at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind on Bayview Avenue, but the particular one I want to speak about is the lovely oval garden at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, which was established in 1965. "Please touch the flowers!" say the many signs and labels, all written in Braille, and all these flowers and plants have been chosen especially for their fragrance, and for the enjoyment of those who cannot see.

Even the many benches are made of aromatic redwood from California, to add to the pleasant bouquet of odours, and, for ease in approach and walking about, all the Gardens have gently sloping ramps. Most of the plants are growing along the top of the waist-high wall which bounds the sunken oval lawn, and these are set at elbow-level so that the sightless ones will not even have to stoop to feel the labels. Some of the plants are there because they have an interesting "feel"—these are fuzzy mullein, and prickly holly, for instance—others, such as peppermint, dill, or coriander, are marked by signs asking the visitors to "taste" them! Many a pleasant hour is spent in these lovely fragrant Gardens—and not only by those whose sight is gone, either. If ever a Garden is "a lovesome spot," this is it!

I once stood beside an amazingly lovely Garden, growing wonderfully in the deep depths of a Cape Breton Coal Mine that ran out almost three miles beneath the sea, and thought that surely no Garden could ever be more surprising than this one! But then I had not heard about "The Garden At The South Pole", which certainly must be more wonderful still! It was, so I am told, the instinctive challenge which lies deep within almost every man to try to make green things grow in even the most barren spots, which inspired the Scientists working at the South Pole to first try planting seeds there. Now, under the warm glow of the fluorescent lamps, and a tungsten bulb, there is a real Garden, bright with golden blooming marigolds and green with ivy! It is a lonely life, indeed, for these intrepid men, who must spend long months working at the South Pole, but this bright Polar Garden has now become a really important part of that lonely life at the Station. One of the men writes of this precious Garden—"It is like home, that earthy green smell! You know what I mean?" Yes, I think all Gardeners, who love green growing things, and delight in helping them to grow, will know exactly what he means—just what those Coal Miners felt and meant when they simply had to have a real live Garden to look at and enjoy, as they worked far below the earth's surface deep in that Cape Breton mine, digging out the black coal, day after day! It is the universal bond of all Gardeners everywhere—the universal love for all growing things, and the great desire to help to make that growing possible!

(*From the Editor's Treasure Box*)

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"YOU NEED THE CHURCH"

You need the Church to learn the Truth. Men have so perverted Truth that confusion has resulted. What is true or false, right or wrong, eternal or temporal? God's Word is the Truth, the "infallible rule of faith and life." By its light you can learn what is true, right and eternal.

You need the Church to serve God. The most important thing in life is to "know God and to obey His will". Only in such knowledge and obedience to Him are you truly human. Apart from God we are sub-human-men without souls, creatures without the breath of Life.

You need the Church for your peace and survival.

You need the Church to worship God "in Spirit and in Truth". God has promised to be present where the people are "gathered in His Name". Every Sunday morning we gather in His Name.

You need the Church for the Sacraments, Baptism and the Bread and Wine of Life. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Receiving the Sacraments, we received God in Christ, strength and nourishing to our hearts and souls. Life is too difficult to tackle without God's help.

Then, when you come at last to the "valley of the shadow of death", you need the Church to help you place your hand in the hand of God. Thus you will be led beyond Death, that inescapable chasm between life and Life, to your Eternal Home.

Yes, you do need the Church. You need the Church as you need the air you breathe and the food you eat.

(Courtesy of "New Life" — (Uj Elet) — the Official magazine of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in the Hungarian language — from the English Section.) (L.M.C.)

THE INDIA FAMINE RELIEF FUND

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Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent meeting of the Marie Douglas Evening W.M.S. Group of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Burnaby,* Mrs. E. Brash, of East Burnaby United Church, was the Guest Speaker, and spoke on behalf of her Sister, Miss Beula Bourn, who had just returned to *Korea,* to resume her post as Professor of Piediatrics in a *Seoul* Hospital. Slides and curios added greatly to the interest of her address.

The Annual Meeting of Westminster Presbyterial was held in Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* with the Theme—"Let Not Thine Hands Be Slack". Mrs. D. Choquette presided at all Sessions, and the Guest Speaker was the Rev. E. L. Garvin, of *White Rock,* who spoke on his recent trip to *Formosa,* and showed slides taken on his trip. Reports were presented with the help of illustrated Charts. The Rev. S. L. McIntyre, Moderator of Presbytery, installed the 1966 Executive.

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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Alberta Synodical was held in Rupert Street Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* with President, Mrs. G. O. Milson presiding at the two-day Conference. The Theme of the Meetings was "Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found". Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) from *Toronto,* was the Guest Speaker, and gave an excellent picture of the W.M.S. work, its opportunities and its needs, both *Overseas* and in *Canada.* Mrs. Scott Sinclair of *Calgary* was elected to the Presidency, and the Installation of the 1966 Executive was conducted by the Rev. Jesse Bigelow, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. Minister of Westmount Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton.*

At the March Meeting of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* Miss Erica Kruger was Guest Speaker, and gave an interesting account of her work in teaching the girls in Nigeria. She told of the great change which develops in the characters of these young Nigerian girls, as they come to understand the Gospel, and she stressed the value of spiritual perception, as shown in the life of the Shunomite woman, the friend of Elisha. Mrs. J. T. Robertson and Miss Willamina Nicoll were hostesses at the Social Hour following, when members and friends were able to meet and chat with Miss Kruger.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — At the recent meeting of the Ladies Aid Group of Strang Presbyterian Church, *Dixonville,* members of *Brownville* and *Last Lake* W.M.S. Groups were present to hear the fine Address given by Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., the Guest Speaker, who has now retired from her 34 years of W.M.S. work in *Formasa,* and will now make her home in *Vancouver, B.C.* She explained the purpose of the Supply Fund, and both with her slides, and her personal experiences in the many phases of Missionary work in *Formosa,* over the years, she gave a most interesting picture of that land, its people, and its needs. Mrs. E. Williamson, of *Dixonville,* gave the highlights of the Presbyterian Annual Meeting held at *Grande Prairie.* As a Centennial Project, the purchase of a Commemorative Plate of Strang Presbyterian Church was discussed, and tabled for a later meeting. The sample plate, which was a Commemorative plate of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, in *Montreal,* was presented to Mrs. Williamson's Mother, Mrs. McLetchie, of *Montreal.*

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Synodical was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* with a good attendance of delegates from all parts of the Province. President, Mrs. W. A. Wilson, presided at all Sessions, and the Theme was "We are Labourers Together With God". The Guest Speaker was Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

Worship Service, by the Rev. P. Ruddell, opened the two-day Sessions, and impressed upon delegates that "We are a unit of Christian women who have committed themselves to capture the world for Christ". Reports were received from all Groups, and discussion followed all phases of Synodical work. Highlights were Regina Presbyterial's formation of a 10-member Visiting Team to stimulate interest and active participation in smaller local groups; Mrs. Manning's report from *Rosetown* of the formation of a Junior W.M.S., taking in ages of eighteen and over; and the suggestion from Mrs. Perkins that Home Helpers receive full reports of W.M.S. work, and always be contacted before Meeting dates.

Miss Bailey reported on "Christopher Camp", and Mrs. P. McKay told of Camp "Kum-Ba-Yah" — both stressed the need for Leaders. Fellowship House in Prince Albert is filling a great need in the Community.

The Address of Welcome was given by Mrs. H. Brumwell and Mrs. F. Sinkiewicz, of Prince Albert replied for the visitors. The Rev. P. Ruddell conducted the Evening Worship Service, during which three young people of the Church contributed musical selections, and this was followed by the Installation of the 1966 Executive. Miss E. L. McClelland, Guest Speaker, told of the great variety and number of the tasks which fall to the W.M.S., and stressed that to be effective the W.M.S. most move with the times, yet never lose sight of the Challenge — "The World for Christ."

The second Morning Session commenced with a Worship Service by the Rev. P. Ruddell, which led into the Service of Holy Communion, when Mr. Ruddell was assisted by four W.M.S. members.

Reports were continued, following the close of the Service of Communion, and Motion was passed that the Toronto Office be asked to send out a team to assist in training Leaders for Church Groups — C.O.C.; Explorers; C.G.I.T. and

Youth Groups; also Sunday School Teachers. Miss McClelland gave the Closing Devotional, and Mrs. Smith, of *Regina,* thanked the Guest Speaker for her inspiring and helpful message.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. N. Clark, of *Melfort,* presided at all Sessions of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale,* when Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., now retired from her lifework on the Mission Field in *Formosa,* was an honoured Guest and Special Speaker. Two Panel Discussion Groups of Presbyterian Secretaries suggested ways of strengthening groups, advancing W.M.S. work among non-members, and instructing prospective Leaders. Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary for Saskatchewan, also spoke on faithfulness and efficiency in promoting W.M.S. work. Miss Hilda Blackwell, Presbyterian Deaconess, outlined her work in the past year.

At Dinner, Mrs. Cresswell, of *Tisdale,* welcomed delegates, and Mrs. Atkinson, of Prince Albert, spoke for the visitors, as she thanked the Tisdale ladies for their hospitality. The Rev. S. J. Sharkey, Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale,* brought greetings from the Church and Kirk Session. Presbytery Greetings were presented by the Rev. D. Nicholson, of Melfort, Moderator of Prince Albert Presbytery. The Rev. S. J. Sharkey conducted the Worship Service at the Open Meeting in the evening.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — When Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., retired Missionary Nurse from *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker at an Open Meeting held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* she told of her 34 years of work in *Formosa,* and showed interesting slides. Lunch was served in the Church Hall, and visitors from neighbouring towns were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Dawson, Presbyterial President.

At the Presbyterial Meeting, Mrs. B. Edwards conducted an impressive "In Memoriam" Service in memory of members called "Home" during the past year. She also gave a short resumé of the late Mrs. M. Grant's work in the W.M.S., after which Miss Hermanson presented Miss M. Grant with an "In Memoriam" Certificate in her Mother's name. Miss Hermanson was a very welcome visitor to the Annual Meeting.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Manitoba Synodical was held in *Brandon,* Manitoba, in St. Andrew's Presbyterial Church, and preceded by a well attended Women's Rally held in First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon.* President, Mrs. A. H. McKay, of *Winnipeg,* presided at all Sessions, and Devotional Periods were led by Miss Martine van Beek, Regional Deaconess, the Rev. F. H. Muttoo, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Neepawa;* Miss Luzetta McClelland, of *Toronto,* and the Rev. D. Patterson of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* who conducted the Communion Service.

Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, of Toronto, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), was the Guest Speaker, and her subject "God's Hour", dealt not only with financial responsibilities and needs, but also with the progress of the W.M.S. work on all our Mission Fields. Miss May Nutt, Asistant in the Adult Department, was Rally Councillor for the Women's Rally, and at the close of the Annual Meeting, installed the 1966 Executive, following the Report of Mrs. J. J. Thomson, Convener of the Nominating Committee.

Other Special Speakers were Mrs. W. Bradley, Hospital Visitor in *Winnipeg,* and Mrs. Digby Wheeler, of *Winnipeg,* who gave a vivid picture of the Centenary Celebrations in *Taiwan* last summer, in which she shared, and also of her visit to *Japan.* Miss Martine van Beek, Regional Secretary presented the Panel of Reports. Delegates appointed to attend the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto* included the President, Mrs. A. H. McKay; Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, Vice President; Mrs. G. Bain, of *Brandon;* Mrs. H. L. Johnston, *Fort William;* Mrs. E. F. Bell, Children's Department Secretary, *Winnipeg.*

At the Election of Officers, Mrs. A. H. McKay, of *St. James, Winnipeg,* was returned as President.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — More than 150 C.G.I.T. members and Leaders gathered at First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* as guests of First Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Groups, to view slides, and to hear of the work of The Presbyterian Church of *Formosa.* An interesting Question - and - Answer Period followed.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., recently retired after 34 years of active Missionary work in *Formosa,* on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* was the Guest Speaker, introduced by Miss Brenda Woolley, President of the C.G.I.T. Group, of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur.* First, on the Staff of the McKay Memorial Hospital in *Taipei, Formosa,* Miss Hermanson has for many years past dedicated herself to Public Health teaching; instructing the people in the basic principals of hygiene; and the establishing of Health Clinics among the many Mountain Peoples, many of whom have now become sincere Christians supporting many Mountain Churches.

During the evening, taped music of Formosan Children's Choirs, and Congregational Singing, was played by Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon, who spent ten years before her marriage, as a teacher in Christian Education in *Formosa*.

Members and Leaders, from First Baptist Church; St. Paul's, Trinity, Westminster, and Currens River, United Churches, were welcomed by Mrs. Alan Cuthbertson, Superintendent of First Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Fellowship and lunch followed in the Church Hall, under the direction of Mrs. James Colquhoun, Mrs. William McKenzie, and Mrs. Clarke Hood.

The Annual Meeting of Superior Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur, Ontario,* with members attending from *Geraldton, Atikokan, Fort William* and *Port Arthur.* The Theme was "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass". (Psalm 37, verse 5.) Vice President, Mrs. H. T. Johnston, opened the Meeting with "One Minute of Silence" in memory of departed members, after which she welcomed delegates and guests. The Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. J. Fraser, and Mrs. Helen Douglas, of *Atikokan.* Directed by their Leader, Mrs. J. Colquhoun, the Explorers Group of the Church participated in the Programme.

Mrs. C. W. Cook, Literature Secretary, described many interesting highlights of books available from the Publications Department and gave an excellent Literature Report. Mrs. H. J. Loney reviewed the Annual Reports, and the Secretaries answered questions on each Report.

The Rev. James Dunn, B.A., D.D., Director of Kenora Fellowship Centre, was Guest Speaker, on the subject "Once Again the Church is There First"; and gave a detailed picture of Indian life in *Kenora,* and the part the Fellowship Centre plays. Mrs. W. Murray closed the Afternoon Session with Prayer, after which the ladies of the Church served supper, at which the Rev. J. Clarke Hood, B.A., B.D., gave the Blessing. Mrs. W. J. Stirrett welcomed the guests, to which Mrs. J. Shanks, Jr., replied, and then invited the Presbyterial to hold its 1967 Annual Meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William.* Greetings were brought from Dr. A. H. Johnston, D.D., *Fort William;* Rev. S. J. Firth, First Presbyterian, *Fort William;* Rev. R. Witt, Oliver Road and Calvin Churches, *Port Arthur;* Rev. James Dunn, B.A., D.D., *Kenora,* and Miss M. Hogarth read greetings from Mrs. G. McDougall, President of Superior Presbyterial, who was in *Ottawa,* and also from other Presbyterials.

The Evening Session was opened with a Worship Service, by the Rev. J. Clarke Hood, B.A., D.D., and Mrs. G. S. McCutcheon and Mrs. A. Glover sang a duet. The Rev. James Dunn, Guest Speaker, spoke on "The Old and New Immigrants", showing many colourful slides of Indian life in *Kenora* and the West. Mrs. W. S. Nairn thanked the Speaker. Mrs. S. A. Sherlock gave the Report of the Nominating Committee and the Rev. A. H. Johnston, D.D. installed the 1966 Executive.

The Organist for the Meetings was Mrs. W. T. Ross, A.T.C.M., and flowers were placed in the Meeting by the Sherlock family, in memory of Mrs. E. S. Sherlock, Past Historian of Superior Presbyterial. Mrs. M. M. Spidell looked after credentials; Mrs. W. C. France, and Mrs. H. A. Hollinsworth were the Courtesies Committee.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Port Elgin*, President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, presided, and gave the Opening Meditation on "What Is Stewardship?"—the Theme of the Meeting. Morning Worship Service was given by Mrs. T. G. Irving, of *Paisley,* and Mrs. F. Lawson of *Southampton;* the Afternoon Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. Willis Gowan, of *Allenford,* and Mrs. Uhrig, of *Wiarton*. Presbytery Greetings were presented by the Rev. Frank Lawson, of *Southampton;* Mrs. C. E. Fisher, *Port Elgin,* welcomed delegates; and Mrs. A. Cameron, of *Chatsworth,* conducted the "In Memoriam" Service.

Secretarial Reports were received, and Delegates were appointed to attend the Synodical Annual Meeting, and the Belleville W.M.S. Training Centre. Mrs. Harold Hendry of *Tiverton,* reported the 1965 Synodical Meeting; Mrs. Clarence MacLennan gave the report on *Kintail Camp;* Miss Marilyn Durie, of *Chesley* told of her experience at the *Belleville* Training Centre; and Mrs. Bruntan, of *Tara* gave an account of her attendance at the Evening Auxiliary Conference in *Toronto* last Spring. Miss Dorothy Douglas, recently retired after her many years of Missionary Service in *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker, introduced by Mrs. E. W. Krampp, Presbyterial President, and told of the faithful Christian women of *Formosa,* who had gone through so much as they served their Church through the years amidst many difficulties, and of the triumphant celebrations last year of the 100th Anniversary of The Presbyterian Church in *Formosa.* Mrs. T. Gamble, of *Chatsworth,* Mother of Miss Louise Gamble, one of our W.M.S. Missionaries in *Formosa,* thanked Miss Douglas, on behalf of all who heard her speak. The Rev. John Bell conducted the Installation of Officers for 1966, and closed the meeting with Prayer.

The Jessie Clow W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Owen Sound,* at a recent Meeting honoured three of their members with Life Membership Certificates. Mrs. Fred Moyer and Mrs. C. Gray gave the Worship Service, and Miss Ruby Patterson conducted a Question-and-Answer Period, following Group Discussion. President, Mrs. Dave Anderson, presided, and refreshments were served by Miss Mary Leslie, Mrs. E. Wood, and Mrs. D. McGillivray.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — When the McKay Young Women's Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* met in the Church to celebrate their Eleventh Birthday, Miss Sheilagh McCutcheon, President, was in charge, and the Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. Peter McCutcheon and Mrs. George Robertson. Mrs. Norman Anderson, Presbyterial President, brought greetings, and Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Margaret Near, our W.M.S. worker in the Chinese Presbyterian Church in *Toronto,* who told a most interesting story of her recent trip to *Hong Kong, Formosa,* and *Indonesia,* well illustrated with pictures taken en route. Miss Near is a fluent speaker in the Chinese language. Lunch was served by the Group members, and Miss Near cut the Birthday Cake.

The Athalie Read C.G.I.T. Group, of *Caledonia,* met at the home of Mrs. Lorne Peart, who organized their first C.G.I.T. Meeting. Assisted by Grace Peart, President Nancy Patterson, conducted the Opening Ceremonies, after which Mrs. Peart introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Athalie Read of *British Guiana,* and told of her work in Essequibo Province. Her beautiful slides gave a more vivid picture of her work, and of the country, its people, and their way of life. Mrs. Rene Butikafer conducted the Worship Service on the Theme—"In Christ there is no East or West; no black or white; Jew or Gentile". A special Collection was dedicated as a Special Project to be sponsored by the Group, and carried out by Miss Read on her return to *British Guiana.* A Social Hour followed "Taps".

The Kate MacGregor W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* celebrated its 50th Anniversary in the Sunday School Room of the Church, when President, Mrs. J. R. Clucas, presided. The Rev. Mr. Vance brought Session Greetings, and President, Mrs. Norman Anderson presented Presbyterial Greetings. The historical background of the Auxiliary was given by Miss Blanche Armstrong, a Past President of Presbyterial, and long-time member of this Group, who spoke particularly of some of the faithful women of the past years, especially Mrs. McGregor, after whom this Auxiliary is named; and by Miss G. McLaughlin, who gave the historical highlights of the past ten years. Mrs. W. G. Tomlinson, and Miss Ena MacLeod led the Worship Service; Mrs. W. B. Riddell gave the "In Memoriam" Service; Mrs. R. Brookbank was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. W. Plater. The Guest Speaker was Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, Supply Secretary on Council Executive, who spoke on the Supply Work of the W.M.S., and told of her recent trip to the Bhil Field. Mrs. Vance thanked the Speaker and Mr. Vance closed the Meeting with the Benediction. Tea was served, with Mrs. J. E. Riddell cutting the Birthday Cake.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — A Reception in the Parlour of Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, *Niagara Falls,* given by her nieces and nephews, was the happy event which marked the 90th Birthday Celebrations of Miss Lettie Whittaker, of *Niagara Falls,* on Sunday March 6th, 1966. More than 250 friends called that afternoon to wish her well, and gifts were presented to this well-beloved lady from several Organizations, of which she is still an active member. Miss Whittaker thoroughly enjoyed the whole busy afternoon and was most happy as she greeted so many of her good old friends from many walks of life.

Except for a brief interval of teaching in *Wiarton,* Ontario, Miss Whittaker has been a life-long resident of *Niagara Falls.* She is a Trustee of Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, and a lifetime worker in the W.M.S., who still seldom misses a W.M.S. Meeting, and whose extensive knowledge of W.M.S. work and procedure is often called upon for guidance and advice. She is, at the present time, an Honorary President of Niagara Presbyterial; an Honorary President of the local W.M.S., and the Agnes Wallis Alpha W.M.S. Auxiliary. Before the formation of Niagara Presbyterial, Miss Whittaker was for 26 years Treasurer of Hamilton Presbyterial. She is also an active member of the I.O.D.E., and of The Business and Professional Women's Club.

It is good indeed to hear of this happy celebration, and we would join with all the many friends of Miss Whittaker's, everywhere, in wishing her happiness and good health for many birthdays yet to come!

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GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Toronto and Kingston Synodical was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kitchener,* with President Mrs. Fred Black, presiding at all Sessions. The Theme of the Meetings was "Opportunity". The Rev. Grant Macdonald, B.A., B.D., assisted by eight Elders, conducted the Communion

Service. Those taking part in the Worship Services were the Rev. W. L. Young, B.A., Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston; the Very Rev. Dr. F. G. Stewart, D.D., and the Presbyterial Presidents of *Algoma, Barrie* and *Peterborough.*

Greetings were presented at the Dinner by the Rev. W. L. Young, B.A., Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston; by the Rev. Dr. F. G. Stewart, D.D. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kitchener;* by the Rev. Dr. A. E. Bailey, Th.D., of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Waterloo;* by Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.); and by Mrs. J. W. Bailey, President of *Guelph* Presbyterial.

Mrs. Roy Black, of Fergus, Synodical Literature Secretary, made an excellent Presentation of Literature, with a splendid Book Display. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, in her Address, urged members to work-out properly planned Programmes for Meetings, which are genuinely designed to inform, and stimulate real interest. Miss Ruby Walker, former Regional Secretary, who is now taking up work in *Calgary,* spoke briefly, and was wished God's richest blessing in her new duties in *Calgary.* Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker and told of the W.M.S. Mission Work at home and abroad.

Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) brought to the Meeting many of the outstanding highlights of the 100th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in *Formosa,* at which she represented the W.M.S. in June, 1965. She told of an outdoor Service of Thanksgiving with over 30,000 people in attendance; of another Service held to mark the success of "the Double The Church Movement"; of some $750,000 expended on new Church buildings and additional workers, and stressed that 90% of this sum was given by Formosan Christians themselves; and she told of sharing in the Dedication Service of Kwong Fu Mountain Church, and a visit to the Chiang Church, which is a memorial to Chiang, the mountain woman, who has been called the Mother of the Tribal Church. Mrs. Curr, in Taipei, had the privilege of speaking, through two interpreters, to a meeting of 40,000 people, with a Choir of 400 voices, and also to a Rally of over 200 Christian women. Mrs. Moore Gordon, retired now from many years of Missionary work, with her husband, Dr. Moore Gordon, in *Formosa* was especially welcomed by President, Mrs. Fred Black.

President, Mrs. A. S. Curr conducted the Election and Installation of the 1966 Executive, with Mrs. Fred Black, returned as Synodical President for her third term. Mrs. J. D. Cleghorn of *Guelph,* Home Helpers Secretary of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, closed the Annual Meeting with prayer.

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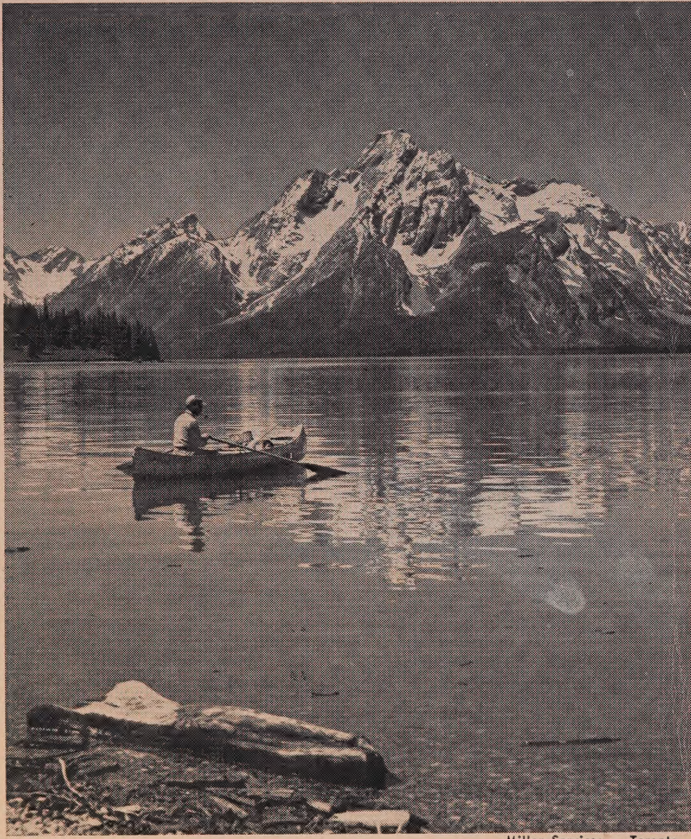

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

DURING that bright sunny afternoon of Monday May 9th 1966 — the important day which marked the Opening of this 51st Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada — Delegates came from all the Seven Synodicals, stretching from Quebec to British Columbia, to converge once more upon hospitable Ewart College, in Toronto, which was to be, indeed, their "home away from home" for the days of busy Council Meetings ahead. How wonderful it was to meet old friends again, and to greet new ones, who had, perhaps, been only names before! For some, this was their third time to come to a Council Meeting in Ewart College; for some it was a first time, and a delightful new experience.

For everyone, there was at once a warm welcome from Mrs. Fred Black, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, who was General Convener, and from the ladies of her Committee; from Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., the Principle of Ewart College; from Miss Ada Adams, B. Sc., the Dean of Ewart College; from all members of the Staff; and from Mrs. D. Whelan, of Beaverton, and Mrs. E. Heron, of Ashburn, who were in charge of Registration, and soon had each Delegate wearing her "Name Tag", and immediately sharing in the warm fellowship which surrounded her at every turn.

The first real "get-together", however, was the delicious Buffet Supper, served at 6.30 that first evening in the attractive Lounge, following the Official Reception by President, Mrs. A. S. Curr; Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B. Ed., and Miss Ada Adams, B. Sc., the Principal and the Dean of Ewart College, Mrs. Fred Black, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical; Mrs. W. J. Head, President of East Toronto Presbyterial; and Mrs. S. A. Milne, B.A., President of West Toronto Presbyterial. This enjoyable Buffet Supper was provided by the Central Committee of the Evening Department of West and East Toronto Presbyterials, and, with this one exception, all the other meals were most competently served in the Cafeteria. All during the week, these were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Members of the East and West Presbyterials, each afternoon, provided and served delectable home-made cookies and tea, for the Afternoon "Tea Break", which was always such a welcome interval in a busy day.

Then, at 8 P.M. that night, came the impressive Opening Meeting, with an interested audience of delegates, Council members, W.M.S. Staff from all Departments, visitors from local Churches, and many old friends and W.M.S. members of earlier years, filling the big Auditorium to capacity. With Mrs. Harold Keefer, of Trenton, Council Vice-President, presiding at the organ, (as she has so generously officiated at all Council Sessions for many years past) the Processional came slowly up the aisle, and the audience joined in the singing of Hymn No. 295 — "The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord." Leading the Processional was Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B. Ed., Principal of Ewart College; followed by Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the W.M.S. (W.D.); the Rev. E. A. Thomson, B.A., B.D., Clerk of General Assembly, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, representing the Moderator, the Rev. J. A. Munro, M.C., B.A., D.D., who was in Scotland; the Rev. A. E. Bailey, M.A., Th. D., Chairman, Board of Christian Education; and the Rev. R. M. Ransom, B.A., Th.B., the Acting Director of Missionary Education, The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Service of Worship was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Bailey, M. A., Th. D., and based on the Council Theme — "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations". (Psalm 67, verse 2.)

After constituting the Council, President Mrs. A. S. Curr introduced Dr. E. A. Thomson, B.A., B.D., who brought greetings from the Moderator, Dr. J. Alan Munro, M.C., B.A.; and Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., who warmly welcomed delegates and visitors to Ewart College, on behalf of the Board of Ewart College, the Staff of the College, and herself, as the Principal. Mrs. Curr then introduced the Rev. R. M. Ransom B.A., Th. B., the Acting Director of Missionary Education, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Guest Speaker, who gave a memorable and thought-arousing Address, using the Key Verse for this 51st Annual Council Meeting — from Psalm 67-verse 2 — "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations" — and drawing upon his own many years of overseas service, and keen observance of present day needs, changing world conditions and viewpoints. He impressed upon his hearers the enlarging concept of what "Mission" really is and must be; stressed the great broadening, and increasing depth, of the meaning of this word "Mission", which, for the true Christian must embrace all the facets of his own personal life and living, and reach out to the needs of all the world, and all the peoples of that world — not only on far-distant Fields, but right around him, where he lives and works. Mr. Ransom left with his audience, a strong and vital message which will not soon be forgotten, and cannot be overlooked.

The C.G.I.T. Group of Glenview Presbyterian Church, Toronto, looking trim and efficient in their white crested middys, and navy blue skirts, received the offering, which was dedicated by the President. Following this came one of the real highlights of the evening — the beautiful singing of The Ewart College Choir, a wonderful Group of 19 graduates and under-graduates of the College, who had just returned at 3 A.M. that Monday morning from a two-weeks tour of the Maritime Provinces, during which they sang at as many Presbyterian Churches throughout that lovely land, as could possibly be worked into their limited time schedule. This was done to increase interest in Deaconess Training as a Career, and in Ewart College and the valuable training to be received there. The Director, Mr. H. Rosevear, F.C.C.O., F.T.C.L., and Miss Irene Dickson, B.A., B. Ed., A.M.M., B.D., Special Lecturer and Administrative Assistant at Ewart College, accompanied the Choir on the Maritime Tour, and Mr Rosevear, who is also the Organist at Glenview Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was their accompanist at this Opening Meeting. Miss Dickson introduced each member of the Choir, and also announced each selection. In their navy blue blazers, with the Ewart College Crest, white blouses and navy pleated skirts, The Ewart College Choir, as they sang so beautifully together, were not only lovely to look upon and hear, but a well-trained musical treat indeed! President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, then briefly presented the Programme for the busy sessions ahead, and Dr. E. A. Thomson gave the Benediction.

On Tuesday morning, as on all other mornings of the Council Meeting, Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, conducted the Worship Service in the lovely little Chapel of Ewart College, with its dignified simplicity of design, and its gentle aura of quiet reverence. Each morning the Chapel was filled to capacity, as Miss Whale, using the Key Verse of the Annual Meeting "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations" gave a message, which everyone felt gave real help and inspiration for the work of the day ahead. Mrs. John A. Newstead, Chairman of the Overseas Committee, was Soloist each morning, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Keefer. Miss Whale has kindly given us permission to publish these Worship Services in "The Glad Tidings", so that all our readers may share in them, and possibly use them in

Group Worship Periods. The first Service appears in this issue of our magazine, and the other three will follow month by month.

Members, following the Worship Service, quickly gathered in the Auditorium for the first business Session. Across the top of the high arch over the platform was the handsome banner, bearing the words of the Theme of the Council Meetings — "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations". This was especially made for, and donated by Mrs. Kenneth Philp, Secretary of Council, and, with the lovely flowers along the edge of the high platform, made an impressive background for the Meetings. Delegates sat at the long tables, placed in such a way that all could see and hear, and chairs along the walls were also filled. Across the back of the Auditorium was the large and comprehensive Display of Books and Materials available from the Literature Section of the Publications Department, and the excellent Posters depicting the value and scope of "The Glad Tidings", as well as the many other phases of the work of this Department. In charge of this Literature Display was Mrs. Norma McComb, Mailing and Order Clerk, and Miss Flora MacPherson, Secretarial Assistant to the Director and Book-Keeper for the Publications Department.

President Mrs. A. S. Curr presided, and constituted the Meeting, following which Mrs. Kenneth Philp, Council Secretary, conducted the Roll Call. The Directors of the Organization, Publications, Overseas and National Departments, at this point, introduced the members of their Staff, as did the Treasurer, Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, for the Treasurer's Department. The Minutes of the Monday Night Meeting were read, and Mrs. Curr, in asking for the acceptance of the Reports, emphasized the fact that "The Annual Council Meeting is the place where we have a right to disagree, to change our minds, but this right is to be used with caution. We must stand by our own convictions." She asked members to remember that important decisions are *always* made by Council, and *not* by Council Executive, and, saying that sometimes Reports are looked upon as "dry", she recalled that she had read somewhere that if even a spark fell out of that Report, there could be a real blaze of interest and advance! Mrs. R. S. Burnham, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, moved the acceptance of the Reports, and this was seconded by Mrs. S. S. Sinclair, President of Alberta Synodical.

The Treasurer, Miss E. L. McClelland, presented the Financial Statement, speaking to this, and also to the Peace Thanksgiving Fund and the Anniversary Book Fund, and Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave the Report of The Board of Trustees for 1965. Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, spoke on the proposed new Report Form which had been requested at the Annual

Council Meeting of 1965, and, moved by Mrs. W. S. Reid, of Guelph, discussion on this was deferred for a later Session. Miss Reith also reported on the survey on "The Work of Women in the Church" which the W.M.S. had been requested by the Administrative Council of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to make, and noted that 607 of the Questionnaires sent out had been filled in and returned — 60% of the total sent out, which is considered to be a large return in such a case. These were submitted to the Administrative Council, and the matter has now been turned back to the Organization Committee for further consideration. After Luncheon, and the Constitution of Council by the President, most of Tuesday Afternoon was given over to the "Presentation of 1967 Estimates" conducted by the Treasurer, Miss E. L. McClelland, during which each Director spoke to her own Departmental Estimate, explaining it in detail, and answering any questions which might arise.

This year, it was decided that instead of each Department making its own Presentation at Council, a joint Presentation of the five Departments should be presented on the Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings. In this Presentation, the aim was, through dialogue, the use of Posters, Film Strips, and the participation of staff members from each Department, to show how closely these five Departments worked together and were integrated with one another, as well as in the carrying out of the whole work of the Society. "One Foundation — Many Builders" was the General Theme of both Evening Presentations. Part I, on Tuesday Evening was "Blueprints for Building," with the Organization, Publications, Treasurer's, and Overseas Departments taking part; the Wednesday Evening Presentation continued with Part II — "Tools For The Task" which was opened by the National Department, followed by further presentation by the Overseas Department, and closed with all five Departments taking part together. More full accounts of these two Presentations will be found on other pages of our Magazine. Each Department also had its own Display Room, and following the 'Tea Break' on Wednesday and Thursday Afternoons, delegates visited these Displays and talked with Directors and Staff.

On Wednesday morning, Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, presented her Report, and this was followed by the Life Membership Report, presented by Miss Rose in the absence of Mrs. J. R. Waldie, Life Membership Secretary. The question of Junior Memberships was discussed, from many angles, as delegates spoke on this part of the Life Membership work. Mrs. J. M. Burnett, Christian Literature Secretary, assisted by members of her Committee, Mrs. A. H. McKague and Miss

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PRAYER

by MISS SHEILA VALERIE STEPHENS
Deaconess, Presbytery of Hamilton.

FATHER, we come to Thee through the power of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. In the holiness of this moment, we pray that Thy Holy Spirit will work within us.

We confess all our sins before Thee. Father, turn not away from us in our unrighteousness. Thou alone can heal our bruises. It is Thy peace that calms our fearful thoughts. Only Thy golden cord of reconciliation can restore our relationships. We beseech Thee to lead us from out of the shadows into Thy light.

We pray for Thy Church, throughout Thy world. Grant that all nations may be enlightened by the Gospel, to follow peaceful paths.

We remember before Thee all Missionaries. We name them in this silence. May they always trust Thy promises.

We pray for all who bear the anguish of uncertainty. We pray for those who are suffering. We pray for those who are alone.

We would give back to Thee, those whom Thou hast given us to cherish. Strengthen us, Father, in our love for Thee.

We pray for families united in vacation. Grant that these days may be ones of deeper commitment to Thee. May Thy blessing be upon all who travel the highways, airways, and seaways.

We pray for those giving leadership at Camp and Vacation School, and at Training Centres. May their faith and witness to Thy Risen Son be radiant in joy. We pray that our summer refreshment will prepare us for the Autumn responsibilities.

Our hearts are overflowing with Thy goodness to us. We would be obedient to Thy will, Father, and not to our own.

We offer these petitions in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

"Pardon is the door;
Holiness of life is the pathway;
The Presence of God is the blessedness,
The thought of our sins must be
Put away from His heart and
The love of sin from ours.
Many never claim the greatness
Of Sanctifying Grace!"

(From Miss Dickson's Notebook)

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

by MISS E. LUZETTA McCLELLAND

Miss E. Luzetta McClelland

IT IS A GREAT HONOUR to be chosen as President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Having accepted the office of First Vice-President a year ago, I have been very much aware of the responsibility to be assumed this year, and feel very inadequate as it now has become a fact. In all honesty I must say that I would rather this honour had passed me by.

We have had a long line of illustrious Presidents, and I do not pretend that I can compete in any way, especially in following Mrs. Curr, who has made a most outstanding and unique contribution, during her term of office. I am quite sure she will continue to make it in many areas, and I sincerely hope for many years to come. I do not possess these talents, but any I have will certainly be used to endeavour to carry out the responsibility of this office.

As we look forward into the years ahead, I think we must agree, from this year's Council Meeting, that we have much on our minds, in these days of changing ideas. It was quite evident that we cannot hope to be effective if we do not face these issues. We have been told that we should *look* at ourselves—as a Society and individually, that perhaps we even need to be streamlined, whatever that might entail. We need to do *more* than *look*. We must needs begin to *act,* along many lines.

I hope that the adult Bible study this year has pointed the way for the individual member to *look* at *herself,* as she faces up to *Mission: —the Christian's Calling,* as outlined in that wonderful little source book, Suzanne de Dietrich's *The Word with Power.*

We all require renewed, and more, enthusiasm in our great commission, "as the father hath sent me, so send I you".

So let us face into the years ahead with continued sincere Bible study, with fervent, specific prayer, that we may be worthy witnesses for our Lord and Master, whom we seek to serve.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dickson, House Mother and Father at Winnipeg Fellowship House. May they be given Divine guidance and strength in their new work.

—For our Missionaries—Miss Winnifred Ripley, serving in the Presbytery of Victoria, B.C.; for Miss Evelyn Murdoch, serving in the Presbytery of Saskatoon, Sask.; for Miss Dorothy McCombie and Miss Iris Ford, as they work in the Inner City Mission, Winnipeg; for Miss Flora Whiteford, serving in Inner City work in Toronto. Let us pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will be upon them all, and give them strength as they meet the problems of each new day.

—For all who work with children and youth at Summer Camps and Vacation Church Schools, that, through them, children and youth may understand God's love for all people.

—For all who are on holiday, that they may be ever conscious of God's presence, and be renewed in health and strength of spirit as well as of body.

—For Miss Athalie Read, as she returns to resume work in Guyana, taking leadership in the Christian Education programme of the Presbyterian Church of Guyana. For Miss Diana Wadsworth as she returns to India to resume her task as a teacher in the Helen MacDonald School in Jhansi.

—For Miss Anne Howson and Mr. Ian Griffin as their lives are united in marriage, that their home may be blessed by God.

MESSAGE FROM OUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

MRS. A. S. CURR

by (MRS. A. S.) AGNES CURR

AS I LOOK BACK over the past five years, I would like to say a very big "Thank You" to the Directors of each Department of the Society; to Council Executive; and to every W.M.S. member; for their loyalty, love and understanding.

I have shared the gracious hospitality of their homes, and have made many friends. It was my privilege, as your President, to preside at our Centenary Celebrations in Montreal; also to be your representative at the Formosan Centennial. These are honours which will be cherished in my Book of Memory. Thinking of you these last few days, these words have been much in my mind:—

"The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee" (Numbers, Chapter 23, verse 26.) The Book of Numbers commences with the numbering of the Children of Israel, after which the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, saying on this wise, ye shall bless the Children of Israel, saying:—

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee." How this reminds us of the prayer of our Lord, in John 17, verse 11 — "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me." We are also reminded by the Psalmist that the Lord is our Keeper, and that "He shall keep thy going out, and coming in from this time forth and even forevermore.

"The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee."

Here we have another two - fold

request which reminds us of the Psalmist's prayer when he said, "Make thy face shine upon thy servant."

It will be easy for us to walk in the light, if the Lord makes His face to shine upon us. What makes the moon shine so lovely on a clear moonlight night? Simply the reflection of the sun shining upon it. If the Sun of righteousness shines upon us, we shall be able to reflect that light to others.

"The Lord be gracious unto thee." What a tender and affectionate expression this is! When Joseph saw his brother Benjamin, from whom he had been separated for many years, he said to him, "God be gracious unto thee, my son". And here God puts this very form of blessing into the mouths of His servants, and tells them to say to His people, "The Lord be gracious unto thee," proving very clearly God's readiness to be gracious unto us, His children.

"And give thee peace." Again we might be reminded of the words of our Lord in John 14, when He said, "peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you." God's great gift and blessing to His people is peace.

And so, as you go forward into another year of work, "May the Lord bless you and keep you." May you go forward with His peace in your hearts.

May you go forward in Faith, with Courage and Zeal.

May you go forward with purpose and enthusiasm; looking upward, and stepping forward, as you seek to make known His saving health among all nations.

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WORLD CHURCH NEWS — ANOTHER CHANGE IN TIME!

Because of Daylight Saving Time, now in many parts of Canada, the C.B.C. has made another change in the time of this weekly broadcast. It will now be heard over Radio Station CBL Toronto, each Friday at 10:20 P.M., immediately following "Today's Editorial". The time of the broadcast varies from region to region across Canada, depending on local radio arrangements, so check with your local station as to when "World Church News" is released in your area.

You — and Your Adult Group

IMPRESSIONS OF COUNCIL

by (MRS. A. H.) ELSIE McKAGUE

Dear Ruby:—

When there came to me at the Council meeting, through the line of Alberta delegates, a note giving me your new address, I felt that there was but one answer — that I should write and give you a "between-the-lines" report of what went on during those four days.

Women were, of course, in evidence everywhere, having come all the way from Scotstown to Victoria — a kaleidoscope of Missionaries, Children's Work Secretaries, Council Executive members, Inner - City workers, Directors, delegates and interested W.M.S. members. During the sessions a few intrepid gentlemen appeared, but, except on the first evening, women definitely held the floor.

How I envied the out-of-town delegates! Rising full of anticipation each morning, I had still perforce to face the Toronto traffic, or the intricacies of the new subway — whereas *they* had but to come downstairs in Ewart College. I was haunted by thoughts of my faulty oven-timer — *they* had but to go down the hall to the pleasant dining-room where Miss Lawson and her staff provided those excellent meals cafeteria-style. May I recommend Ewart College if you want a *good* cup of tea?

May the Regional Secretaries forgive my ability to mix them up! There were few familiar faces among the Synodical delegates, nor did I do as well as last year in identifying people. Again I plead that I did not have the advantage of staying within the confines of Ewart College, where after-hour discussions helped in matching face with name.

You know the booklet "Certain Women Amazed Us"? I propose another chapter — "How *do* the Officers of the W.M.S. (W.D.) do it?" The Treasurer for the better part of two days on her feet presenting financial pictures and answering questions; Mrs. Curr presiding with imperturbable dexterity mixed with wit, wisdom and Christian witness; the Secretary (who had already headed the Council Planning Committee) and her staff, labouring till "the wee sma' hours" to keep the Minutes up to date. Lest I forget — it takes stamina of mind and body to be a Director. I lost count of the times they were called upon in presentations and discussions.

Unlike last year when, I thought, Synodicals stood out and blew into our sessions some of the fresh breezes of their "derring-do" (bless their hearts, they have problems — but solutions too), this year the palm went to individual women. There were several "speak your mind" sessions as we considered the financial statement, the estimates, question-box enquiries, and the recommendations and resolutions from Synodicals. In listening, one realized that there are as many facets to our missionary work as there were women present. Can I ever appreciate and understand it all?

We didn't move any mountains — but in the fullness of time that may come. Sometimes we felt a bit discouraged when our favourite idea was — well, not scratched — but sent back for further treatment. However, there was progress. Some things will have a leaner look in this stream-lined age. The Peace Thanksgiving Fund, almost at the point of exhaustion, has disappeared into the Special Fund. Thinking positively, delegates decided that for two years there shall be but one Annual Report form sent to each adult group. Can't you envision the rejoicing among the local officers?

To arms, W.M.S. members! There was strong feeling among the delegates that women are not using their full potential in the Church, and that something should be done about it. Likely you'll hear more of this, since Council Executive was commissioned to set up a committee to investigate the thinking of the Presbyterian women, regarding their place in the total work of the Church, present and future. The battle of the sexes, of course, entered into the discussion — but the lone gentleman present rose to the occasion bravely — and, I may say, his words had a clearing effect on some of the confused aspects of our thinking.

Quite the most spirited discussion came as we explored the possibilities of a Centennial project. 1967 will be the Year of the 3 P's. By emphasis on Prayer, Programme and People, we will strive to increase our membership by the end of that year 1967 — people! More people — more interest — more resources of all kinds.

Half a million dollars sounds like a big estimate for 1967, doesn't it? Yet each Department has pared as near to the bone as possible — to carry on the present commitments, but not to expand. I'm not an economist, but, as a housewife, I know that costs increase with every year. Money is a tool — and can do so many things. Did you know that 18.7% of the portion of the Supply Fund which is assigned to Overseas work is used for medicine?

Capacity audiences were present every evening. "W.M.S. members, be 007's. Infiltrate into all phases of the total mission of the Church." was urged by the Rev. M. Ransom in his address on opening night. "Our Church is dead", declared Dr. Thomson — but, before I could murmur

"Oh, no!", he added "unless we look beyond the hills." The á cappella singing of the Ewart College Choir directed by Mr. H. Rosevear — what a gift to us! Who would have suspected that they had arrived home from a two-week promotion tour in Eastern Canada at 2.30 that morning?

And the "look beyond the hills"? Again I come back to women, as we heard them in the two evening presentations of the work. "One Foundation: Many Builders" — strong women! devoted women — and men too! People whose names are legends — Hermanson, Douglas, Sherrick, Louie, Read, Dickson, Near, Patras, Rusaw, Wadsworth, Whiteford! Glimpses of mountain tribes, Christian High Schools, Jobat Hospital, 30 years in Chinese Mission work, women of Guyana, Indian Fellowship Homes and residential schools, Inner-City. People come alive! The work come alive!

No two people can assess an Annual Meeting in the same way, because always the personal enters in. How do I end this recital of my impressions? Do you know the feeling that comes sometimes when you are listening to a speaker — when you are caught up on a peak, and all other things are fallen away? It came to me twice during the sessions — one morning during one of Mary Whale's devotional periods with which we began the day; and when the Rev. D. Evans was installing the new officers. What they said I can't remember — but the feeling was more important to me.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee" — that loveliest of all benedictions. This was the theme of Mrs. Curr's farewell address. The words are not a farewell — but a carrying-on. We say them at baptisms, at marriages, or when one goes out to face new tasks. To you I would say them too — our absent friend — as you begin your new work!

Sincerely,
Elsie McKague

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CHURCHES

"Beautiful is the large church
With stately arch and steeple;
Neighborly is the small church,
With groups of friendly people,
Reverent is the old church,
With centuries of grace;
And a wooden or a stone church
Can hold an altar place.
But whether it be a rich church,
Or a poor church anywhere,
Truly it is a great church
If God is worshipped there!"

(Selected)

MISS MARY WHALE

THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

At The
Annual Council Meeting
In Ewart College, Toronto
May 9th - 13th, 1966

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

Executive Director of Overseas Missions, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

(Explanatory note: The Services of Worship were planned around the theme of the 1966 Council and the considerations which were before that Council Meeting: 'That Thy Way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.' The thought was based on The Task we are given; the tools we have been given for the task in The Structure of the Society; The Individual in that task. The Future — we are called to continue onward and upward in the Service of the Master.)

SERVICE I

PRAYER—"Oh God be with us, that in these moments of worship we may be drawn to Thee and feel Thy Presence with us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN NO. 121

PSALM 67 — read in unison

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Genesis 12: 1-4 — Matthew 28: 16-20 — Acts 1: 6-8

PRAYER — "Our Father we thank Thee that we may come apart at the beginning of this day, to worship Thee, to feel Thy Presence with us as we seek strength and guidance for the task of the day. We thank Thee for the many blessings we have in this world. We thank Thee most for the gift of Thy Son, who has made known Thy great love for us all.

Forgive us Lord that we so often fail to realize the strength of Thy love. Forgive us that we so often think of our self interest, and put Thee in the background of our lives. We pray this day for strength and for insight. Help us to understand the task Thou hast put before us. Help us to know how to make Thy name known throughout the world.

We pray for the nations of the world. Be with their leaders that they may be guided to lead wisely. Be with the peoples of the nations that they may hear Thy voice above the turmoil of strife, and hearing may be led to know Thee. Be with the leaders of this land, oh Lord. Help them, and us, to know Thy way and to walk it in our daily life.

Be with the Missionaries of our Church at home and abroad. Strengthen each one for the task of the day. Be with our Church. May its members continuously see anew the wonder of Thy love and may we serve Thee more faithfully through our Church.

Be with our loved ones this day. Guide them, and keep them in Thy way. Be with each of us as we undertake the tasks Thou has given us to do. We pray in Jesus' name. (The Lord's Prayer.)

MEDITATION — "We have been called to the most important task there is in this world. The command that Christians have, to proclaim the message of the Christian faith to all the world, is one which demands the very highest and best we have to give. Today we must face that task, believing in its importance."

"Through history God has called His people to obedience. Abraham was obedient to the Lord's command to leave behind his old life and establish a new nation; a new life. There was no question of 'Why' or 'How'. He acted in faith and on the promise that God would show the way."

"Jesus Christ told His disciples to go into all the world and proclaim the Message of Salvation. The Acts of the Apostles tell how the disciples followed Christ's command. After receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit they went out into the world of that day, and thousands heard the message.

"We are in succession to that kind of discipleship. In the turmoil which is all about us, we are being called of God to the task of taking the healing power of His message to the people abroad. We must have the faith in this command that Abraham had, and the men and women who built the early Church. We must believe that this is our most important task, barring none."

"We are going into our Council meeting today, to deal mainly with financial matters. Will we see that money is a tool God has given us to carry out His commands? Will we look beyond the written symbols of the material tools, to see the accomplishment of the task which is ours? Will we have the faith that is ours for the believing to know that Christ will be with us today, in the consideration of work we have to do?

Let us pause a moment before going to the task to pray that we may be guided through the day.

PRAYER — sung by Mrs. J. A. Newstead

"Spirit of the Living God,
Now descend on me!
Spirit of the Living God,
Now descend on me!
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me!
Spirit of the Living God,
Now descend on me!"

HYMN No. 451

BENEDICTION — "Now to the One who can keep you from falling and set you in the presence of His glory, jubilant and above reproach, to the only God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, might and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now and for evermore. Amen."

OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E.

Miss Athalie Read

Miss Anne Howson, R.N.

MISS DIANA WADSWORTH, B.A., M.R.E., will return to India during the summer, probably in late July. During her furlough time she has been studying at the University of Toronto in a Master of Science programme. At the time of writing this news item Miss Wadsworth is working on her thesis and hopes to complete it before her return to India. Despite a very heavy programme of study Miss Wadsworth has been able to visit a few congregations and groups in Ontario to tell them of her work. She gave very valuable assistance at the annual meeting of the W.M.S. Council.

Before returning to India Miss Wadsworth will visit her parents in their home in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

MISS ATHALIE READ will be returning to Guyana during the summer. Miss Read, while home, has carried on a very heavy deputation schedule. Her visits to many parts of Ontario have been very greatly appreciated. She was present at Council and contributed to the programme, particularly that part which pertained to the Christian education activity of overseas churches.

MISS ANNE HOWSON, R.N. Earlier this year the Council Executive accepted with regret the resignation of Miss Anne Howson, R.N. Miss Howson was in the midst of her second term of service in Nigeria. In the years she spent in Nigeria she served in Itu, first in the Leprosy Colony, and then in Mary Slessor Hospital, a general hospital.

Miss Howson resigned in order to be married. Her marriage to Mr. Ian Griffin took place June 25th at New St. James Church in London.

In Remembrance

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
Mrs. Ruby Mitchell	St. Andrew's, Beeton	Barrie
Mrs. Nettie Ellison	St. Andrew's, Beeton	Barrie
Mrs. Edith Wright	St. Andrew's, Huntsville	Barrie
Mrs. Howard Hee	Knox, Carberry	Brandon
Mrs. Charles Outhwaite	Knox, Carberry	Brandon
Mrs. R. J. Empey	St. Paul's, Winchester	Brockville
Mrs. Isobel Curtis	St. Paul's, Winchester	Brockville
Mrs. George Angus	St. Paul's, Winchester	Brockville
Mrs. Wm. C. Winter	Knox, Walkerton	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. Adam Esplin	Tolmie Memorial, Port Elgin	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. James Reesor	Knox, Tiverton	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. F. M. (Margaret) Motter	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Annie McRae	St. Giles, Calgary	Calgary
Miss Jessie McVean	St. Andrew's, Dresden	Chatham
Mrs. M. Hood	Melrose Park, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. K. B. (Margaret) Schroeder	Glenview, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. David Scott (In her 96th year)	Central, Galt	Guelph
Mrs. David Fraser	Central, Galt	Guelph
Mrs. Bernard Calder	St. Paul's, Carluke	Hamilton
Mrs. Edward Shedden	St. Enoch, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. Hugh Ross	St. Enoch, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. Hugh A. McEwen (Anna May)	Knox, Vernon	Kamloops-Okanagan
Miss Sephrona Haskill (Correction)	St. Andrew's, Fenelon Falls	Lindsay
Mrs. Thos. Wilson	New St. James, London	London
Mrs. J. Scott Inglis	Knox, Belmore	Maitland

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In Remembrance (Continued)

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. (Rev.) G. C. Shearer (Agnes Meta)	St. John's, Medicine Hat	MacLeod
Miss Jessie Walker	Margaret Rodger Memorial, Lachute, Que.	Montreal
Mrs. Christine Goalen (Aged 91 years)	St. Paul's, Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
Mrs. Margaret Inksater	Presbyterian, Paris	Paris
Mrs. E. Helmshaw	St. Paul's, Simcoe	Paris
Mrs. M. McCormack	Alexander, Brantford	Paris
Mrs. Margaret Montgomery	St. Paul's, Woodstock	Paris
Mrs. D. M. Young	Presbyterian, Durham	Saugeen
Mrs. Adam Carmichael	Knox, Thedford	Sarnia
Mrs. Jessie Peever	St. Andrew's, Kirkland Lake	Temiskaming
Mrs. Barbara MacLeod	St. Andrew's, Humber Heights	West Toronto
Mrs. George Ryrie	Victoria, Toronto	West Toronto
Miss Amy Laird	Central, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. A. Taylor	Gordon, Burnaby	Westminster
Mrs. G. J. (Rubina) MacFarlane	First, Winnipeg	Winnipeg

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

JANUARY - APRIL, 1966

	1965	1966
British Columbia	$ 1,732.79	$ 733.06
Alberta	2,368.14	1,426.85
Saskatchewan	1,496.57	642.48
Manitoba	1,422.68	1,645.18
Hamilton and London	23,708.66	24,608.72
Toronto and Kingston	13,500.00	14,310.44
Montreal and Ottawa	8,800.00	14,070.00
	$53,028.84	$57,436.73

DEPARTMENTS REPORT

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A., MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.; MISS GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.

ON THE TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY evenings of the Council Meeting the various Departments presented a coordinated report of some aspects of the work for which the Society is responsible, under the title "One Foundation — Many Builders". On the Tuesday evening, the sub-title was "Blueprints for Building". The information was presented through the use of posters, questions and answers, dialogue and interviews.

On Tuesday evening the Call to Worship, in the Service of Worship, led by Miss Louise Reith, Executive Director of Organization, linked the service to the theme of Council — "Let us worship God with thankful hearts, and minds open to His Call and to His leading, that we may be used of him to *'make known His way upon earth, His saving health among all nations'*." Throughout the Worship, reference was made to the emphases in the study programmes "Mission: the Christian's Calling", particularly noting the thoughts expressed in the Scripture passages — 1 Cor. 3:9-11; Isa. 43:10-12; John 15:9-16 which emphasize, as was stated in the book "The Word with Power", that God "has entrusted to His apostles, and beyond them to His disciples of all times, to His Church, the task of continuing His work on earth, of building on the foundations He has laid."

With this background — "One Foundation — Jesus Christ; Many builders — 'His apostles and beyond them His disciples of all times — His Church'," the presentation began with the recognition that blueprints for building are given in God's Word, and of the need to study blueprints carefully, if the building is to be according to plan. Then came the question — "How do the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada share in preparing themselves and others for the task?"

It was obvious that many are involved in this preparation, as answers came from representatives of the many sharing in the educational part of the work — the studying of the "blueprints". First of all, Miss Doris Blaise of Montreal spoke of the place of groups in local congregations, where children, youth, and adults, are given opportunity for prayer, study and service; Miss Helen Tetley, National Secretary for Teenage Work, indicated the many involved in the preparation of materials for all age groups, through members of sub-committees and office staff; Mrs. Cherry, Executive Director of the Publications Department, explained how the Publications Department published and distributed programme materials prepared by the Organization Department, and added to the information material in the publication of "The Glad Tidings", and by making available a wide variety of resource material, which then was made known and distributed through Literature Secretaries of Presbyterials and Synodicals across Canada. It was noted here that Presbyterial and Synodical Secretaries for Children, Girls, and Adult Groups, have responsibility in making materials known, and in assisting group leaders and officers in their use. Help is needed in local areas in the interpretation of "blueprints", therefore a team of workers is made available to give this help — National Age Group Secretaries, Regional Secretaries in Synodicals, and Presbytery Deaconesses. Miss Clare Hanes represented the Regional Secretaries, and Miss Sheila Stephens the Presbytery Deaconesses, who outlined the various ways in which help is given to Synodical, Presbyterial, and local group officers and leaders, to Church School teachers through workshops, conferences, and through meeting with individual leaders and officers.

Who and what makes this work possible? In answer to this question Miss Myrtle Rose, Assistant to the Treasurer, noted that, as the blueprint is studied, it is the builders in the local groups who become more and more conscious of their own needs, and the needs of others and, as a result, contribute money which is sent in through Presbyterials and Synodicals, only to go out again to keep the work going.

The more the Great Master Plan is studied the more it is realized that the "Good News" must be interpreted simultaneously in all parts of God's world — therefore interpreters go to help interpret in other lands, for Education for Mission must be continuous — Education for building on the one Foundation which is Jesus Christ.

The churches of Asia, Africa and South America are beginning to understand the urgency of strengthening their foundations, through the education of the members of the Christian community of all ages.

One of the tools for this task in education is a curricula for use in the Church School. Miss Mabel Booth, National Children's Secretary, spoke of the way in which a curriculum was started in the Caribbean area. Miss Booth had gone from Canada to share in the planning for curriculum, with representatives from other churches in the Caribbean, including the Presbytery of Guyana. She spoke of the way in which they planned the Caribbean Curriculum to meet the needs of these various countries. Miss Athalie Read, Missionary to Guyana, brought us up to date on the Caribbean Curriculum by saying that, through the years, the primary and junior materials had been completed, and were now in use in Guyana. She told of the way in which they attempted to use this new curriculum, after some leadership training. It is the hope of the Presbytery of Guyana that this new curriculum, properly used, may truly educate the members of the

Guyanese Church to a knowledge of the Bible and of the Christian faith.

It was pointed out that, not only in the Caribbean but in India, Africa, and in South East Asia, Sunday School curricula were being prepared, and that we have shared in this development through Christian Literature grants. Members of the Women's Missionary Society staff have been active in this development in various parts of the world.

The women of the Guyana Presbyterian Church have been moved strongly, in the last several years, to develop a programme for their use. Miss Read told of the need of the women to have a feeling of oneness within the Church. They have desired to join together in a kind of Organization which would allow them to take their places within their Church, and to serve the cause of Christ more adequately. In April of 1965 a colony-wide Conference was achieved. Such a Conference had been planned for several years, but had been postponed because of political disturbances. Following a one-day Conference last year, a group of women met to study the possibility of working out a truly indigenous programme for their newly-formed Women's Organization. Miss May Nutt had been invited, as a special guest from the Organization Department of our Society, to give leadership in the Conference and in the Seminar. She spoke of the enthusiasm the women displayed in both the Conference and the Seminar. They were successful in evolving a framework of their own programme. Since that time the framework has been filled out, and the first section of a programme has been completed. Miss Reith, Director of Organization, in commenting on this programme said she felt that it was a promising tool of adult education, and that Leadership training would be needed, in helping women to become involved in such a study. The Guyana Presbytery is very much interested in this first step taken by the women, to develop adult education in their Church.

Miss Read pointed out that the Presbytery has been concentrating on a Christian education leadership programme. It has appointed Miss Merle McGowan to an executive position in Christian Education. She has been asked to survey the needs of the Presbytery, and to develop a pattern of Leadership Training, both for St. Columba's House, the Leadership Training centre, and for the parishes.

The Guyana Church is at the beginning of strong development in an educational programme. The Korean Christian Church in Japan, and the Presbyterian Church of Formosa, have moved a little farther into a programme of Christian education. Miss Tamiko Nakamura who spent a three-year term in working with K.C.C.J., was asked to speak of the educational development in that Church. She spoke of the fact that she acted as an executive secretary for the Assembly's Committee on Christian

Education, and that, at the completion of her term of service in Japan, the Assembly appointed two women workers to serve as Regional Education Leaders throughout the Church. She felt that both in the Korean Church in Japan, and in the Formosan Church, there was a growing realization of the need to emphasize teaching the knowledge of the Christian faith at all age levels. The strength of the family unit in Asia would be used in the education programme of the church. Thus it is seen that education is a most important means of proclaiming the Christian message overseas, as well as at home. It is also seen that much of the same pattern is in use abroad.

The practical side of maintaining the educational programme abroad was pointed out by Miss Myrtle Rose, Assistant to the Treasurer, using the Overseas Department poster to indicate the amount of money set aside in the Overseas budget, Supply budget, and Christian Literature budget, for the maintenance of Christian education.

So it is, around the world people are attempting to fit themselves to build upon the foundation laid by Jesus Christ. They are confronted by similar problems, and meet them in both similar and varying ways. All join in the prayer — "Teach us to build; upon the solid rock — Teach us to build, O Master, lend us sight — to see the towers gleaming in the light."

The Wednesday evening presentation continued the main theme "One Foundation — Many Builders", consideration being given to the work under the sub-title "Tools for the Task." The programme opened with the same verse of the hymn "We Would be Builders" with which the Tuesday presentation ended. It was noted that while blueprints are necessary for any building, these alone are not enough. We must have tools for our task. What are these Tools? They are the instruments in God's hand by which the building is accomplished. They are the people who serve and the facilities and resources used in that service. There are many different kinds of tools — some large, some small, some very complicated and some simple and insignificant looking — yet all have a particular function in the building process. The first tools used to build upon the One Foundation were twelve men with little education and limited abilities, but who became "power tools" in the construction of the Church of Jesus Christ — so much so that it was said of them that they turned the world upside down.

In reply to the question, "How can we, as women of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, help to build our own Canadian society and that of other nations upon the One Foundation?", a presentation of the work overseas and at home was made.

From the beginning of Christian work in lands abroad, educational work and medical work have been tools for the task of proclaiming the Gospel. The physical needs of people were immediately evident. The healing ministry has been greatly used to proclaim God's love and power. The need for people to read the Gospel as well as hear it was the main motivation for the establishment of Christian schools.

Three members of the overseas staff who have been, and are, connected with three educational institutions abroad discussed schools as "tools for the task" with Miss Mary Whale, Director of Overseas Missions. Miss Dorothy Douglas, who until her retirement last October served many years in the Tamkang Middle Schools in Formosa, Miss Mary Sherrick, who has been principal of the Amkhut School system in the Bhil field, India, and Miss Diana Wadsworth on the staff of the Helen MacDonald School, Jhansi, India told of the influence Christian schools are on young people.

Miss Douglas spoke of the influence that Bible teaching within the curriculum is. The Tamkang Middle Schools, annually have a number of students come to a knowledge of the Christian faith — and are either baptized or, having been baptized, are received into the Church.

In the Helen MacDonald School, Christian education is made possible through extra-curricular activities in the school programme. The students attend the local church and have a Sunday School teaching programme. Miss Wadsworth, in speaking of this, spoke too of the influence through teaching methods and through attitudes to the job and relationships among staff people and with students. Christian schools do set standards and do have a strong philosophy of education which is needed in developing countries. There is still a contribution to be made by Christians in the development of educational work in the countries of Asia, Africa and South America.

Miss Sherrick, agreeing with the contribution of schools in the past, stated that we must look to the future, and realize that governments will sooner or later take over Christian schools. We must be prepared for this and understand the need to have strong hostel programmes. The Church in these lands will need to be more aware of the need to strengthen the young people through Christian education, so that they can go into the educational institutions with a strong knowledge of the Christian faith.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Rusaw discussed with Miss Kelly some of the changes they had experienced during their years of service in the Birtle Indian Residential School. In this period the School had changed from being entirely operated by the Society with the aid of government grants, the Society being responsible for employing and paying the entire staff, including the teachers, until today when the School is owned and supported by the Federal Government, and the children, with the exception of one class, are integrated with the town schools, so that the Birtle School is fast becoming a residence for students. Mr. Rusaw indicated that increasingly the students being sent to the residential schools came from disturbed backgrounds, presenting the staff with a greater challenge than ever before. He also stated that the Church must be prepared to minister to the Indian Canadian young people who are moving to our urban centres in increasing numbers.

Christian medical work abroad has portrayed a Christian's concern for his fellow man. So it has given healing to the body but also a knowledge of divine peace and power.

Miss Hildur Hermanson who is completing a long and distinguished service in medical work in Formosa, Miss Mary Sherrick who presently is Acting Administrator of Jobat Hospital, India, and Miss Sushila Patras who is in a Master of Science of Nursing programme preparing to serve in the Graduate School of Nursing, Indore, India, spoke of medical work as "tools for the task". Miss Hermanson spoke of the way that the Christian message is proclaimed in Christian hospitals. Patients hear the Christian message; they are treated with consideration. There is some follow-up work done.

The mobile programme reaches people in their need in their own communities. This programme in both Formosa and India is facing the needs of the people in several ways. They are helping the people of Formosa in this time of social change. They are teaching them how to keep their bodies healthy, also teaching a knowledge of the Bible. In India besides a health teaching programme, the mobile health units are major factors in helping in these days of famine conditions. Both Miss Hermanson and Miss Sherrick emphasized the standards set in medical practice as being very important in the life of the nations they represent.

Miss Sushila Patras who has served on the staff of the Graduate School of Nursing, Indore, pointed out the importance of a strong Christian philosophy of service for the training of nurses. So medical work abroad continues to be a tool for the task. We look to the future realizing that this service should continue in some way — but that we must be open to changes, to adjusting the tool to meet the need.

A panel, consisting of Mrs. F. J. Dickson, Miss Dorothy McCombie, Miss Flora Whiteford, and Miss Kelly, discussed the needs which have arisen as a result of urbanization within our nation. Mrs. Dickson answered questions as to the need and effectiveness of our Presbyterian Fellowship Houses. Miss McCombie told of the work in which she and Miss Iris

Ford are engaged in the downtown section of Winnipeg. She illustrated with pictures the work carried on in Flora Avenue house, used as a base for their operation, from which they have contact with some one hundred and fifty families. Miss Whiteford spoke of the involvement she has had in the Toronto inner city as she has endeavoured to relate to the needs of the people in her area of work, particularly in the matter of seeking suitable housing in the face of much urban renewal.

Miss Margaret Near spoke briefly to a chart displayed by Mrs. G. P. Louie indicating the wide range of services required to meet the needs of ministering to the Chinese people in the name of Jesus Christ.

As the presentation drew to a close, those in attendance were reminded that we can only build as the necessary blueprints and tools are available and as each builder works faithfully. Therefore we must go back to the members on the local level who become informed through studying the blueprints provided in God's Word, in programme materials and in the Glad Tidings, and who provide the funds, which are themselves tools, and with which other tools are provided. To the local groups we must look for the material resources and for new builders, and thus provide the "Tools for the Task" of building upon the One Foundation — Jesus Christ.

Miss Giollo Kelly, Executive Director of National Missions, concluded the presentation with a brief Service of Worship in keeping with the theme of Council and the co-ordinated presentation of the work. It was noted that in a very real sense we, the builders, are also the basic tools used in the building. Referring to excerpts from I Peter 2, I Corinthians 3 and Ephesians 2, it was pointed out that Jesus Christ is the living stone who makes the whole process of building possible. The building which we erect upon Him, the One Foundation, is not made of bricks and mortar, which will decay with the passing of years, but rather of lively stones built up into a holy temple in the Lord. A number of quotations from Suzanne de Dietrich's book, *The Word with Power,* were used to point up the need for each Christian to live a truly dedicated life. "Jesus offered His body, his very life for the salvation of mankind, once for all. As His body on earth we can only respond to this love by a dedication of our will, of our very selves to his life purpose, namely the Service of God and of our fellowmen. This is not the privilege of a few, but the definite calling of all members of the Church".

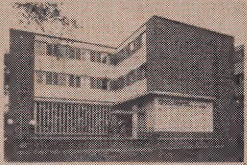
The service closed with the singing of the third verse of *We Would Be Builders* — "O keep us building, Master, may our hands Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts, When to our ears there come divine commands, And all the pride of sinful will departs; We build with Thee, O grant enduring worth Until the heav'nly Kingdom comes on earth."

SHIRLEY L. CAYLEY

JEAN E. SMITH

JEAN E. GARDNER

BIRDIE McLEAN



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SHIRLEY CAYLEY

Home—Calgary, Alberta
Home Church—Knox, Calgary
Previous Experience—Student
Plans for 1966-67—Deaconess in the Presbytery of Cape Breton on the staff of the Woman's Missionary Society (E.D.).

LOIS COOKE

Home—Gravenhurst, Ontario
Home Church—Coldstream, Toronto
Previous Experience—Several years experience in secretarial work with firms in Toronto.
Plans for 1966-67—Deaconess at Tyndale House, Montreal on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.).

JEAN GARDNER

Home—Hamilton, Ontario
Home Church—St. Andrew's, Hamilton
Previous Experience—Several years as an elementary school teacher in Ontario.
Plans for 1966-67—Deaconess in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, Ontario.

BIRDIE MCLEAN

Home—Carragana, Saskatchewan
Home Church—The Presbyterian Church, Carragana
Previous Experience—Secretarial Work with Saskatchewan government telephones in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.
Plans for 1966-67—Work in the Programme Department Y.W.C.A., Saskatoon.

JEAN SMITH

Home—Wyoming, Ontario
Home Church—St. Andrew's, Wyoming
Previous Experience—Several years secretarial work in Sarnia, Ontario.
Plans for 1966-67—Regional secretary on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)

LORRAINE UBERIG

Home—Hamilton, Ontario
Home Church—Eastmount, Hamilton

Previous Experience—Student
Plans for 1966-67—Further study in the Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba.

Two Year Course for University Graduates

SHIRLEY JEFFERY, B.A. (University of Western Ontario)
Home—Appin, Ontario
Home Church—Presbyterian Church, Appin
Previous Experience—Several years as an elementary school teacher.
Plans for 1966-67—Further study at Knox College, Toronto.

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EWART COLLEGE GRADUATION — 1966

"The Cost of Discipleship" was the subject of the address given by The Reverend Kenneth G. McMillan, B.A., B.D., D.D., General Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, at the 1966 Graduation service of Ewart College, held in Knox College Chapel on Thursday, April 21. Dr. McMillan stressed the fact that discipleship has always involved costs, though these may differ in nature in different generations; however he emphasized the tremendous opportunities of service open to-day to the graduates, and others, who will follow the call of Christ to discipleship.

Miss Agnes Roy, Chairman of the Board of Ewart College, presided and spoke of the development taking place in the curriculum of the College. The Reverend E. F. Dutcher, B.A., minister of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church, conducted the Service of Worship. The Ewart College choir under the direction of Mr. Henry Rosevear, F.C.C.O., F.T.C.L., sang the anthems "Thou Hast a Work for me to do" (Robson - Rosevear) and "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" (Samuel Liddle).

The seven graduates from the College this year were introduced by Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., M.Ed., the principal of Ewart College. Miss Shirley Cayley of Calgary, Alberta, will serve on the staff of the Woman's Missionary Society (E.D.), as Deaconess for the Presbytery of Cape Breton. Miss Lois Cooke of Toronto, and Miss Jean Smith of Wyoming, Ontario, will serve on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) — Miss Cooke on the staff of Tyndale House in Montreal, and Miss Smith as a Regional Secretary. Miss Jean Gardner of Hamilton, Ontario, will be Deaconess and Director of Christian Education at St. Andrew's Church in Sarnia, Ontario. Miss Birdie McLean of Carragana, Saskatchewan, will work in the Programme Department of the Young Women's Christian Association, in

Saskatoon. Miss Lorraine Uberig of Hamilton, Ontario, and Miss Shirley Jeffery, B.A., of Appin, Ontario, plan to undertake further study—Miss Uberig in the faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba, and Miss Jeffery at Knox College.

Miss Webster also gave a brief review of the year's work. Twenty-four regular students, and one occasional student, were enrolled in Ewart College courses during the 1965-66 session. The remainder of the Residence was completely filled with students, enrolled in the various faculties of the University of Toronto; among them were students from five overseas countries.

The gold Pin of the Order of Deaconesses was presented, in absentia, to Miss Estelle MacKenzie of Pictou, Nova Scotia, who has served for 28 years as Deaconess in the Maritime Provinces. The Pin was accepted by Miss Irene Dickson of the faculty, who was to accompany the Ewart Choir on a tour of Eastern Canada, and present the Pin to Miss MacKenzie when the Choir visited New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Recognition was also made of the completion of 25 years of service in India by Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., a graduate of the College.

Graduation diplomas were presented by Miss Webster; scholarships were presented by Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean, and Miss Irene Dickson, B.A., B.Ed., B.D., Special Lecturer and Administrative Assistant.

GRADUATION DIPLOMAS

1. Three Year Course

Shirley Cayley, Calgary, Alberta
Lois Cooke, Toronto, Ontario
Jean Gardner, Hamilton, Ontario
Birdie McLean, Carragana, Saskatchewan
Jean Smith, Wyoming, Ontario
Lorraine Uberig, Hamilton, Ontario

2. Two Year Course for University Graduates

Shirley Jeffery, B.A., Appin, Ontario

GENERAL PROFICIENCY SCHOLARSHIPS

First Year

1. Margaret Sinclair, Smith's Falls, Ontario
2. Heather Tourangeau, Pembroke, Ontario

Second Year

1. Comfort Ejere, Afikpo, Nigeria
2. Dorothy Knight, Listowel, Ontario

Third Year

1. Lois Cooke, Toronto, Ontario
2. Jean Gardner, Hamilton, Ontario

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Alumnae Scholarship
Lois Cooke, Toronto Ontario
Heather Tourangeau, Pembroke, Ontario

The Gwendolyn Langford Memorial Scholarship
(not awarded in 1966)

The Muriel Jennings Gray Scholarship
Lois Cooke, Toronto, Ontario
Lorraine Uberig, Hamilton, Ontario

The Evelyn B. and Donald B. Cram Scholarship
Comfort Ejere, Afikpo, Nigeria

The Isabel Ross Memorial Scholarship
Patricia Rivett, Banff, Alberta

The Jennie and Bell Hossack Memorial Scholarship
Margaret Sinclair, Smith's Falls, Ontario
Eileen Raivio, Sylvan Lake, Alberta

Protestant Women's Federation Scholarship
Jean Gardner, Hamilton, Ontario
Margaret Sinclair, Smith's Falls, Ontario

The Jane Beatrice Gray Scholarship
Birdie McLean, Carragana, Saskatchewan

The Katherine A. Gray Scholarship
Lorraine Uberig, Hamilton, Ontario

The Isabel Glenn Scholarship
(not awarded in 1966)

The Leonie Pirch Award
Jean Smith, Wyoming, Ontario

The Elizabeth Scott McKay Memorial Scholarship
Annabelle Wallace, Edmonton, Alberta

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NATIONAL STAFF NEWS

THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT has been pleased to welcome two new deaconesses to its staff. **Miss Lois J. Cooke,** a member of this year's graduating class of Ewart College, was taken on strength July 1st. Miss Cooke was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. She received her secondary education in Orillia, where she also took a business course, following which she was employed for a number of years in Toronto, mainly in the field of advertising. Miss Cooke is a member of Coldstream Presbyterian Church, Toronto, where, prior to entering upon her Deaconess Training Course, she was

Miss Lois Cooke

active in many phases of its life and work—Church School, Choir, Young People's Society and Christian Education Committee. Miss Cooke served in two summer appointments as a student deaconess —one in Calgary Presbytery and the other in Tyndale House.

Miss Cooke's Designation Service was conducted by the Presbytery of West Toronto, in Coldstream Church, on Tuesday evening, May 24th, 1966. Miss Agnes Roy, Chairman of the Ewart College Board, was the guest speaker on that occasion, and Miss Margaret Webster, Principal of Ewart College, presented Miss Cooke with her Deaconess pin.

A reception followed the service during which a suitably inscribed Bible was presented to Miss Cooke on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), by our new President, Miss E. L. McClelland. Many tributes were paid to Miss Cooke, and Mr. Vern Carter, on behalf of the congregation, presented her with a "purse".

Miss Cooke's appointment is to inner city work in Montreal, centred in Tyndale House, where her particular responsibility will be for the youth and adult work.

Miss Ann Drummond will take up her new duties in Tyndale House, Montreal, on June 20th, where her main responsibility will be for the children, particularly in the week-day Nursery School. Miss Drummond was born in Lochwinnoch, Scotland, where she received her elementary education. She came to Canada with her family when she was in her early teens, and settled in Burwash, Ontario. She completed her secondary education at Sudbury High School following which she entered Ewart College, graduating in the Spring of 1965. Miss Drummond, a member of Parkside Presbyterian Church, Sudbury, served summer appointments as a student deaconess in Prince Albert and Brandon Presbyteries. During the past year Miss Drummond has been attending the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia, where she has taken specialized training in church kindergarten schools.

Miss Ann Drummond

Miss Drummond was designated

as a Deaconess of our Church in a service conducted by the Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay on Tuesday evening, May 31st, in Parkside Church, Sudbury. The Minister of Parkside, the Rev. B. A. Nevin, as Moderator of Presbytery, presided over the service, and the Rev. D. J. Hill preached the sermon. Miss Drummond received her Deaconess pin from Miss Ada Adams, Dean of Ewart College, and was presented with an inscribed Bible by Miss E. L. McClelland, on behalf of our Society. A reception in honour of Miss Drummond followed the service.

Following three years of effective ministry in the Riverdale Hospital and Regent Park Housing Development in East Toronto Presbytery, **Miss Ruby Walker** has been appointed to work within the Presbytery of Calgary where she will serve as Presbytery Deaconess. Miss Walker took up her new duties as from May 1st.

Miss Catherine Watson has been appointed to work among the Chinese people in Victoria, effective September 1st. Miss Watson has given thirteen years of faithful service as Director of Christian Education in Tyndale House, Montreal.

It was with much regret that we accepted the resignation of **Miss Marilyn Duffield** as from May 31st. Miss Duffield has served in the Lake - of - the - Woods Presbytery, since coming on our staff last summer, where she was engaged in work on the Whitefish Bay Reserve and at the Kenora Fellowship Centre. Miss Duffield became Mrs. Cecil White on May 30th. Our prayers and good wishes follow her, as she embarks on this new phase of her life.

A number of Long Service Pins and Bars were presented to members of the National Staff during the Council Meeting. **Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rusaw** received their gold pins upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of beginning their service to the Indian Canadian students in our Residential Schools. They both served for a brief period in the Cecilia Jeffrey School, prior to being appointed Principal and Matron of the Birtle School twenty-one years ago. Many hundreds of Indian children have benefitted by the concern and interest of Mr. and Mrs. Rusaw through the years.

Miss Ruth Yeandle, in absentia, and Mrs. G. P. Louie received Long Service Bars marking the completion of thirty-five and thirty years of faithful service among our Chinese people.

Recognition also was made of three members who have reached retirement age — Miss Vera Carson, who retired last Fall after twenty-four years of service in the Toronto office, Miss Susan Yeung (in absentia) and Mrs. G. P. Louie who retired June 30th, following twenty-six and thirty years of service respectively to our Chinese people.

HELLO GIRLS! GREETINGS FROM NIGERIA!

By COMFORT O. EJERE

I MET SOME of you in camps last summer. Many, I met in youth rallies and in your local churches. Some of you are disappointed because I failed to keep my promise that I would be in your homes. I hope this last group of friends will understand, for time did not allow me to keep this promise. I apologize for the inconvenience I might have caused you. Since I cannot share with you all in your local church groups or in your homes nor at camps I am using this medium to do so. I remember the happy summer days we shared together especially in Kintail and Simon House Camps. I chuckle at the recollection of the enthusiasm with which you tackled your packings to and from camp sites. Will I ever forget your fellowship, vibrant with youthful zeal to make friends, to help others, to please and therefore make yourself acceptable to everyone? I treasure the memories; the efforts you made to make Canada a "home" for me.

By the way that last sentence reminds me of home— NIGERIA! The girls at home are now in the first term holiday. Some of them will be camping. Some of the girls will be helping their parents on the farm. Those in the townships and cities will be helping their mothers or relatives sell their wares in markets and on the streets. The majority will be "visiting" relatives from town-to-town, sight-seeing, going dancing and to the cinema. Some will be aggressively expressing their views on current events in debating clubs. Those interested in games and athletics will vigorously be play-

Miss Comfort O. Ejere

ing net-ball, volley-ball, rounders, tenniniquiots, tennis and other active games. In all these activities the girls go in groups in company of other girls or with their boy-friends.

Back home in Nigeria, girls are happy to have the company of boys, but they do not worry if they do not have boys to go out with. This leads me to an observation I want to make. From my experiences in camps, young people's rallies and conferences, I have concluded that most of you Canadian girls are downcast if you have no male company.

It is good to have boy-friends. Our Christian faith affirms that God made man and woman for each other's company. It is natural for every girl to crave the company of a boy. It is the way to matrimony. It is a healthy natural relationship, but what happens if *you* discover you have no boy-friend in a mixed group? That is where the shoe pinches. The lack of male companionship should be no obstacle in the complete showing of Christian fellowship wherever you are. Remember to enjoy the fellowship of those around you whether male or female, whether friends or acquaintances or strangers. In so doing you are not only giving others a happy time but witnessing in your own particular way.

As I write this, I remember some of the questions I have been asked in Canada, namely:

"Are you happy in Canada?"

"What do you like best here?"

"Which do you prefer Nigeria or Canada?"

These are questions which come naturally when strangers from different cultural and racial backgrounds meet. In order to help you welcome a foreigner into Canada and your group, I want to share with you a few tips for a "recipe of welcome".

Be yourself—for then, the foreigner will be herself.

Be not over-polite, but be not too cautious, for then will she give you her heart.

Remember that all human beings are the same all the world over, excepting, of course, the differences created by environment.

Foreigners will appreciate it as a deed of Christian kindness if you *share* your thoughts about any topic which interests you. Furthermore, it will help, if when you want information from a foreigner you ask specific questions. Compare these two questions:

"What is life in Nigeria like?"

"What do youths do in Nigeria when they throw a party?"

The first question is too generalized and shows lack of interest from the questioner. The second is specific and demands concrete information. Got it?

Finally, I wish you all a happy summer full of activity and fellowship. The Christian Girls' Club (CGC) of Nigeria sends you greetings through me. I personally thank you all for the joyous occasions we had last year. You have contributed much to enrich my life in Canada. As I go for my summer work in 1966 I will remember and treasure your memory and I am looking forward to meeting more of you. I extend the hand of fellowship to you all!

(Miss Comfort O. Ejere, of the Presbyterian Church in Nigeria, has just completed the second year of studies at Ewart College. During the summer of 1966 she has been appointed by the National Department of the WMS (WD) as student deaconess to the Presbytery of Prince Albert.)

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Boys and Girls!

St. Columba's House,
Lot 35, Vryheid's lust,
East Coast Demerara,
Guyana, May 28, 1966.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

It was good to hear from the Children's Committee in Canada that the Junior Camp Mission Project for 1966 is "CAMPING IN GUYANA".

We have plans to have the first Junior Camp at the Sarnia Manse, in August. This is the month that school is closed in Guyana. The property is situated on the bank of the Essequibo River, so we have bathing facilities at our front door. Coconut palms make the grounds very picturesque, with flamboyant oleander and other flowering trees and shrubs.

Yes, the camp we have planned for this summer is for boys and girls. One of the boys I know, who is planning to go to camp, is James Williams, son of one of our ministers, the Rev. Joseph Williams, who lives just outside Georgetown.

Indranee, an East Indian girl, will be coming from Belvedere, many miles from Essequibo. She is in the middle of a family of eight, five girls and three boys. She has travelled to New Amsterdam with her mother, father, brother or sister, but to go to camp she will travel with Miss Budhoo, the Deaconess who will be one of the Leaders at camp. They will travel many miles, starting very early in the morning and reaching Sarnia Manse in the evening. One exciting part of the trip will be a three-hour ride on the Essequibo river boat. As they travel, other children will join them along the way. Indranee's mother will pack a lunch for her as she can't depend on being able to find something to eat on the boat, or train, or at the stelling*. (*dock).

Indranee has been chosen by her Sunday School to go to camp. Because this is just a start in camping in Guyana, and there is also the problem of finding enough adult Leaders, there will be only thirty children at the camp.

Indranee expects that all the children that go to camp this year will do so much talking about in that next year there will be lots of boys and girls asking to go to camp. She hopes that the adults in the Guyana Presbyterian Church will realize that camping is a good way to help children understand the Christian faith.

Indranee and James are looking forward to meeting other boys and girls, from all over Guyana. They will be able to talk together, study about Jesus Christ, and what He means to them. For a whole week they will study, play, and eat together. They will have fun swimming, as there is a fine beach at the Sarnia Manse, and no doubt are dreaming about drinking coconut water to quench their thirst, after playing a rousing game.

This camping experience will be an important one for the thirty children who go to camp this summer in Guyana. I hope that you will remember them, when you are enjoying yourselves at camp in Canada.

Yours sincerely,
Merle McGowan.

(Miss Merle McGowan is one of the missionaries working under the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. All contributions to this Junior Camp Project should be sent to the Treasurer, W.M.S., Presbyterian Church in Canada, Room 205, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario.)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

(Continued from page 5)

Olive Grant, gave an excellent presentation of Christian Literature, its needs, and opportunities. Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., recently retired from her work in Formosa, and for whom Christian Literature has long been a Pet Project, took part in this Presentation, as did Miss Athalie Reed, on furlough from her work in British Guiana. The Report of the Supply Department was given by the Supply Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, and a good discussion followed this Report.

The Wednesday afternoon Session opened with a very fine Service of Remembrance, conducted by Mrs. A. H. McKay, President of Manitoba Synodical. The balance of the Session was given over to consideration of the various Recommendations and Resolutions from Synodicals, and, after the Tea Break, a General Discussion of the Work took place. Following the Evening Presentation of "One Foundation — Many Builders", President, Mrs. A. S. Curr presided at the "Recognition of Long Service", when presentations were made by the President as follows — Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rusaw, of the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba, each received from Mrs. Curr, on behalf of the Society, a 25-year Long Service Badge — the first time the W.M.S. has presented a Long Service Badge to a gentleman! Miss Ruth Yeandle, of the Chinese work in Vancouver, was presented by Mrs. Curr, in absentia, with a 5-year Long Service Bar, which was received on her behalf by Mrs. Glenn Thompson. Miss Yeandle has now served the W.M.S. for thirty-five years. Miss Susan Yeung, also of the Chinese work in Vancouver, and now retiring from Staff, received, in absentia, from the Treasurer, Miss E. L. McClelland, the gift-cheque given upon leaving Staff, and this was received, on her behalf, by Mrs. Glenn Thompson.

Mrs. A. S. Curr, presented a corsage to Miss Vera Carson, for many years Secretary to the Director of National Missions, who retired from staff after 24 years of faithful service, on September 1, 1965, and was at that time honoured with a Tribute Dinner and the usual gifts upon leaving staff. The 5-year Long Service Bar was presented by Mrs. Curr to Mrs. G. P. Louie, now retired, after 30 years of service in Chinese work, under the W.M.S., and a corsage was also presented by Mrs. Curr. The gift-cheque received upon leaving staff was presented to Mrs. Louie by Treasurer, Miss E. L. McClelland. To Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., now retiring from her work in Formosa, after 35 years of service, the President presented a 5-year Long Service Bar and a Corsage, and Miss E. L. McClelland, Treasurer, presented to her the gift-cheque received upon leaving staff. Miss Dorothy Douglas, who last year retired from Staff, after 38 years of devoted service, mostly in Formosa, received from Mrs. Curr, the presentation of a corsage.

Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B. Ed., who had just arrived from India in time to attend the Annual Council Meeting, was presented by Mrs. Curr, with the 5-years Long Service Bar, which now marks her 30 years of service with the W.M.S. Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A. of the Bhil Field, India, received, in absentia, the 25-year Long Service Badge. This was presented by President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, and received, on behalf of Miss Scott, by Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B. Ed., also of the Bhil Field, who is now on short furlough in Canada. Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., of Taiwan, received, in absentia, the 5-year Long Service Bar, presented by Mrs. A. S. Curr, which marks her 35 years of service with the W.M.S., and this was received on Miss Taylor's behalf, by Mrs. A. S. Hazell, a former Chairman of the Overseas Committee. Miss Irene Stringer, of the Bhil Field, India, who joined the W.M.S. staff in 1926, was presented, in absentia, with the 5-year Long Service Bar, which was received on her behalf by Mrs. John A. Newstead, Chairman of the Overseas Committee. At the close of the Meeting, a Reception was held in the Lounge, when refreshments were provided and served by the Central Committee of the Evening Department of East and West Toronto Presbyterials.

Thursday morning was generally taken over by the Consideration and Acceptance of the 1967 Estimates, presented for final consideration by Treasurer, Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, who urged that careful thought and consideration be given to the acceptance of these Estimates before voting to accept them. "Dedication and prayer must be behind it", she said, "Make sure that you, personally, are going to do something about it. Will your belief in the 1967 Estimate carry over into action when you go home? There is no use in accepting these Estimates, if we do not determine to make them come in. Remember that it is the Delegates who are responsible. Do not accept what you cannot accomplish". A thorough discussion followed, in which many Delegates participated. Finally, Mrs. R. S. Burnham, President of Hamilton and London Synodical moved that the total Estimate of $499,739.00 for 1967 be accepted. This was seconded by Mrs. W. M. Boyd, President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, and unanimously carried. The 1967 Supply Fund Estimate, of $22,397.00 was presented by Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, Supply Secretary. Mrs. Philip Boy, of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, moved the acceptance of the Supply Fund Estimate for 1967; this was seconded, and unanimously agreed. In the Afternoon Session, the Recommendations and Resolutions from Synodicals were continued, and after the "Tea Break", a General Discussion of Work was conducted. Thursday evening was a free evening.

Friday morning marked the Closing Session of the 51st Annual Council Meeting, and a busy Session it was! Projects for Canada's Centennial Year, 1967, were suggested and discussed, with many Delegates speaking on this subject from many viewpoints and angles. Mrs. A. B. Lane, of Toronto, moved that "The W.M.S. Centennial Project be not a Fund-Raising Project, but that we *do* have a Special Project for the 1967 Centennial Year". This was seconded by Miss Doris Blaise, of Montreal, and unanimously agreed. Delegates were asked to write any suggestions they might have for planning a better Council Meeting for next year, and to leave these with Council Executive for study and consideration. Unfinished business from previous sessions was considered, and either finalized, or referred to the Departments and Committees involved, for further thought and consideration.

President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, on behalf of the W.M.S. Council, presented the thanks of the members to Miss Margaret Webster, Principal of Ewart College; Miss Ada Adams, Dean of Ewart College; Miss Dickson, Special Lecturer and Administrative Assistant at Ewart College; Miss Lawson, the Dietician, and all the College Staff; for the hospitality and many courtesies extended to delegates during the Meetings so happily held at Ewart College, and also presented a gift from the Council, in gratitude and appreciation. The flowers from the platform were presented to Miss Webster, Miss Dickson, Miss Adams, and Miss Lawson. In Miss Webster's acceptance and thanks, she said, "We ask only that you send some of your finest young people to be trained at Ewart College".

Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, Immediate Past President, presented to the Retiring President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, who goes out of office this year after a five-year term of dedicated and untiring service, a sheaf of beautiful red roses, on behalf of all the W.M.S. members, and paid glowing tribute to Mrs. Curr's fine Christian leadership, and the outstanding contribution she has made, not only to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) but to the Presbyterian Church in Canada as well, during her long term of office.

The Rev. D. T. Evans, Chairman of the General Board of Missions, and the Rev. Dr. J. S. Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, both spoke warmly of the appreciation of the Boards of the Church for Mrs. Curr's unfailing co-operation, and faithful attendance at all Meetings. "She always seemed to say just the right thing, and not to say too much!", said Dr. Clarke. The Rev. R. M. Ransom, Acting Director of Missionary Education, the General Board of Missions, also spoke highly of Mrs. Curr's never-failing support, and especially of the wonderful message she had brought home both, to the Church and the W.M.S. on her return from Formosa, where she had been the W.M.S. Representative at the Centennial Celebrations of the Formosan Presbyterian Church. The Rev.

D. T. Evans, Chairman of the General Board of Missions, in paying tribute to Mrs. Curr's gracious leadership, faithfulness on Committees, and deep spiritual messages, quoted 29th verse of the closing chapter of Proverbs — "Many daughters have done wondrously, but thou excelleth them all." Mrs. Curr, in her reply and closing Address to Council, used the lovely Theme — "The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee" — and we are most happy to have the privilege of publishing the full text of Mrs. Curr's Address elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. George H. Peckover, Chairman of the Committee, presented the Report of the Nominating Committee, which was duly accepted, and the Election and Installation of Officers was conducted by the Rev. D. T. Evans, B.A., Chairman of the General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, who, for the past four years has been the capable Treasurer of Council, was unanimously elected as President, and warmly welcomed to the Presidential Chair. We are privileged to publish elsewhere in this issue, Miss McClelland's remarks on the acceptance of this honour — the first message from our new President!

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THIS WE BELIEVE
MEDITATIONS ON THE APOSTLES' CREED

By John A. Ross, B.A., B.D., M.A., Ph.D.

Many of our readers will have read at least some of the material of this excellent book, in our "Presbyterian Record" during the past months, for this volume is the result of those most informative and thought-arousing Articles on The Apostles' Creed, which the Editor had requested Dr. Ross to write for the magazine. Because this series aroused so much interest, and resulted in so many requests from Ministers, Overseas Missionaries, Church School Teachers and University students, that these Articles might be reprinted as a book, Dr. Ross at last decided to do what he had never intended to do — he adapted and reworked these original Articles to meet the new requirements, and this most valuable book, dealing with the meaning of "The Apostles' Creed", so well known and often recited in all our Presbyterian Churches, is the result.

In his preface, Dr. Ross says — "These days, the most-talked-about religious books all express an uneasy discontent with old beliefs. Too few of them are making positive contributions toward the reconstruction of faith in our times. It was good discipline for me to set myself the task of writing out what I believe in *positive,* rather than *negative* terms." And in his "Amen", the closing of these 61 Meditations, Dr. Ross says "I believe in the Creed because I believe in Jesus Christ. There is something of Him in every phrase. Without Him, there is nothing to hold the Church's teaching together. He is the whole message we have to give to the world. We are to be witnesses identifying Him as God's gift to man. If my thoughts on the Creed help anyone to pull his life and thoughts together around Christ, I shall be glad. May voice after voice, throughout the world, join me in saying "Amen" to the Creed, which *is* Christ."

Dr. John A. Ross is now Dean of St. Andrew's Hall on the Campus of the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver. He is Presbyterian Chaplain at the University, and also the Minister of University Hills Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and of Knox College, and served pastorates in Ontario from 1943 to 1957. Dr. Ross was the Chairman of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in Canada when the whole curriculum programme was reformed, revised and redefined. Every Presbyterian should read "This We Believe", his first book. Price — $3.00.

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

By Ruth C. Inkerman

This conveniently - sized book of 159 pages should prove useful indeed, for it has been prepared especially for those busy women upon whose shoulders falls so often the responsibility of planning and presenting programmes within their Church Organizations, or for School, Club, or Civic Groups. In the twenty-two Programmes, are suitable programmes for many Special Days, such as Christmas and Easter, Memorial Services, Installation Services, Mother-and-Daughter affairs, Graduation, Birthday Celebrations, etc., and also included are two pages of brief Table Graces and twelve pages of Prayers for Special Occasions. This is the sixth book produced by the Author, Mrs. Ruth C. Inkerman, who is a well known free-lance writer and housewife, and in her books, seeks to help women to expand their opportunities for Christian Leadership. Price—$2.50.

SHARE MY PLEASANT STONES

By Eugenia Price

This is one of Eugenia Price's very fine books, which contains Devotional Meditations for every day of the year, each one filled with the warmth and awareness of God's presence in all the phases of the Christian's life, as Eugenia Price has experienced in her own personal devotional life. It was actually inspired and written "from the notes scribbled through the years in the margin of the Bible which my Mother gave me shortly after my conversion in 1949. New light keeps coming into them — light that brings insight beyond these scribbled notes. Where God's Word is, there is new light and growth, because the Living Water streams forever over the words God chose to use in the Holy Bible." Both an intensely *personal* and an intensely *practical* book, it is written to be understood and used in daily life — a very lovely possession for anyone! In its twelfth printing now, some 60,000 copies have been circulated. A Scripture Index is included on page 384. Price—$3.25.

BOOK BY BOOK OLD TESTAMENT QUIZZES

By Lee Carter Maynard

Whether for Youth or Adult Groups, this book of questions on the Books of the Old Testament could be used most interestingly and effectively, to increase the knowledge and reading of these Books in Bible Study Groups, at Camps or in Class work, under the guidance of an alert Leader. Price, Paper—60c.

GOOD HANDICRAFT BOOKS FOR LEADERS

Good Leaders of all the various Age Groups are always eager to find well-prepared Instruction Books for specific projects for the members of their groups to work upon. These are two which are widely-recommended, and are well illustrated, as well as clearly written. "Chenille-Kraft-Pipe Cleaner Art", is the only book of its kind ever published, and it is written and illustrated by Michelle Graff, well-known designer, writer and illustrator of handicraft. Specific step-by-step instruction for 350 completed projects is given in the 47 large pages. These are aimed at groups of all ages, from children to young people, with many gift and fund-raising items, and attractive things to make for holidays and special occasions.

The second book is "Make It With Craft Sticks" — or popsicle sticks. Boys and girls both could be greatly interested in making any of these many different articles, and as a Group Project this could be good indeed. Many of these simply designed items can be completed in an hour or so. This book also is written by Michelle Graff, but illustrated by C. T. Cartland. Both of these Books sell for $1.10 each.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

CORRECTION — FROM JUNE ISSUE

On Page 47 of the June issue of "The Glad Tidings", the sentence beginning on line 22, and ending on line 27, should read as follows:— "Mrs. Curr, in Taipei, spoke to the Christian Women's Rally in Taipei City Hall, where there was an attendance of 2,000 women." (Editor)

(Due to the lack of space, news from B. C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Hamilton and London, has been held over for next issue.)

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. GEORGE H. LEE,
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SCARBOROUGH, ONT.,
PRESS SECRETARY

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—At the Spring Thank-Offering Meeting of the Anna Cooper W.M.S. Group of *Willowdale* Presbyterian Church, Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.) was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. R. Dewar was presented with an Honorary Membership, by Mrs. A. McLean, on behalf of the Group. Mrs. Dewar, the only remaining Charter Member of the Anne Cooper Auxiliary, formed in 1925, has given 41 years of steadfast, willing service to her W.M.S. Group and her Church, and is looking forward to many more years of service to both. At the Social Hour, the 41st Anniversary Cake was cut and served by four Past Presidents of the Group—Mrs. A. McLean, Mrs. C. Snider, Mrs. J. A. Butcher, and Mrs. G. D. Dougall.

When the W.M.S. Group of Glebe Presbyterian Church, Toronto, held their Easter Thank-Offering Meeting, the Guest Speaker was the Rev. E. Roberts, home on furlough from the Mission Field in *Africa*. In his most informative Address, he said that in the 440 Presbyterian Churches there, with only 40 Ministers to serve them, nonetheless, the services are faithfully carried on by dedicated lay people, both men and women, and the Church members have set for themselves the responsibility of giving not less than 20% of their salary to support their Church and its work. At the close of the Meeting, when refreshments were served, Mr. Roberts answered many questions about Government, Agriculture, Medicine, Nursing, Housing, Schools, Wealth and Poverty, in the *Africa* of today. Members felt that Mr. Roberts had brought to them much information and understanding about that troubled Continent —*Africa.*

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — Introduced by Mrs. R. E. Jones, the Rev. Sam Cheh, a Minister of the Korean Presbyterian Church in *Japan,* who is now attending Knox College, *Toronto,* was the Guest Speaker, when the Afternoon W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Belleville,* held their Easter Thank-Offering Meeting. Prefacing his Address with a greeting in the Korean language, which, being translated, means "Are you peaceful in God?", he explained that his is the greeting which the Christians in Japan extend to each other when they meet. Mr. Chen gave a very clear insight into the work being done by the Korean Christian Church in *Japan,* stressing the work done by Canadian Missionaries there, and told of the many hardships and problems which had been overcome throughout the years. President, Mrs. H. Elvidge, presided, and Mrs. B. Bondy thanked the Speaker, on behalf of the Group. Mrs. F. Parsons conducted the Devotional Period, and Mrs. Ivan Rollins was Soloist. At the Social Hour, refreshments were served by Mrs. Bondy, Mrs. V. Davis, Mrs. N. Williams, and Mrs. H. Scott.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. F. Thompson, presided, when the Spring Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kirkfield,* was held in the Church. Mrs. George Bontam, and Mrs. R. Nicholls led the Devotional Period, and Mrs. H. Fairley was Soloist, accompanied by Organist, Miss K. Fairley. Miss Athalie Read, home on furlough from *British Guiana,* showed interesting slides, as she told of her work in that land. Presbyterian Churches there now have their own Ordained Pastor, and our Missionaries are now serving in an advisory capacity, and helping in other ways to extend the work. Mrs. H. C. Osborne thanked Miss Read, on behalf of the Group, and Mr. Currie, Student Minister at *Leaskdale,* pronounced the Benediction. A Social Hour followed, with Mrs. H. Fairley and Mrs. H. Kingdon presiding at the tea-table, assisted by other ladies of the Church.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — The Spring Rally of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lakefield,* with President Mrs. W. H. T. Fulton presiding at all Sessions. Secretarial Reports were presented, and Reports of the Annual Synodical Meeting were given by Mrs. Toombs of *Burnbrae,* and Mrs. R. N. Roberts of *Port Hope.* It was announced that the Fall Rally, to be held in *Bowmanville,* will take the form of a Workshop. Lunch was served by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church.

The Afternoon Devotional Period was in charge of *Port Hope* Senior W.M.S. Group, and Miss M. Balderson was Soloist. Greetings from Presbytery were extended by the Rev. W. H. T. Fulton, B.A. Treasurer, Mrs. J. Cummings, in her Financial Report emphasized the need for increased givings. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions on Council Executive, was the Guest Speaker, introduced by Miss Clara Thain, First Vice President. In her Address, she told of the National Work in Canada, stressing especially the need of help among our Canadian Indians who are not lazy, but often lack opportunity and wish to learn if given understanding and a chance. She asked all W.M.S members to really think about what *was* their task, and to do their part in prayer, and seeking to interest others.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The Spring Thank-Offering Meeting of the Owaissa Group, and the Evening W.M.S. Group, of *Weston* Presbyterian Church was held in Creelman Hall, with President Mrs. G. W. Alcott presiding. Devotions were led by Mrs. D. Heathfield and Mrs. M. Crawford, and Mrs. J. Gibson, accompanied by Miss B. Barron, was Soloist. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Donna Talbot, was introduced by Mrs. J. D. C. Cox. Mrs. Talbot, with her husband, the Rev. Roger Talbot, who is now Assistant Secretary for Overseas Missions, spent five years working among the Koreans in *Japan.* Mrs. Talbot told how one Church Group, instead of building their new Church, built a place at a dangerous curve, where every truck driver could rest, sleep, eat, and receive council. By this, accidents were so drastically cut that the Japanese Government, for the first time, helped the Christians by giving them more land. This is now known as "The Trucker's Congregational Church". She explained, also, that because Koreans could not become citizens of *Japan,* and share in the benefits, the Communists got many new members in their Party by giving help to those needing aid. The Speaker was thanked by Mrs. E. O. Schade, and presented with a small clock. Refreshments were served by the Owaissa Group, and a Social Hour enjoyed.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Mary McKerroll W.M.S. Group of Victoria Presbyterian

Church, Toronto, Miss Helen Rae, President, welcomed guests from the Senior W.M.S. Group; the different groups of the W.A.; the Y.P.S.; and the Junior Choir, recently organized by the new Pastoral Assistant, Miss Barbara Rose, from *Newfoundland.* Miss Rose, who was in charge of the Programme, was also the Guest Speaker, and brought an interesting message. Music was provided by the Junior Choir. Miss Margaret Cowan and Miss Mary Hain sang a duet, and at the end of the Meeting led in a Sing-Song, which everyone enjoyed. For their special interest, Miss Rose read the story, "What God Hears", from the April issue of "The Glad Tidings". The children left the meeting early to enjoy the refreshments, before being taken home. At the close of the Meeting, a Social Hour was enjoyed by the Adults present.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. T. R. Gates, presided at the Executive Meeting of Brockville Presbyterial, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* assisted by Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. Mearns, of *Cardinal,* and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Torrance of *Brockville.* Mrs. L. Kinkaid, of *Morrisburg,* conducting the Devotional Period, presented an Easter message, and the President challenged the 22 delegates present to consider the W.M.S. Motto "The World for Christ", as they study "Mission—The Christian's Calling", this year. The need for Famine Relief in *India* was stressed, and members were urged to contribute to this as generously as possible. The Treasurer's Report showed an increase of $3,000.00 in the Objective set for this year's givings from this Presbyterial. Literature Secretary, Mrs. Chester Bass, of *Kemptville,* showed an excellent Display of literature and other materials for Programmes and Study, which are available through the Publication Department, in *Toronto.*

It was decided to hold the May Rally in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Winchester,* with Miss Mary Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions for Council Executive, as Guest Speaker. Mrs. C. Brown reported the C.G.I.T. Workshop conducted by the Seaway Valley Committee in Lakeshore Drive United Church. It was resolved to request the appointment of a Regional Secretary in this Synodical. The Meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Kay Torrance, of *Brockville,* and lunch was served by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg.*

The Annual Meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Brockville* with the Theme "Ye Are My

Witnesses", and President, Mrs. W. M. Boyd, of *Cornwall* presiding. Mrs. T. R. Gates, President of Brockville Presbyterial, conducted the Worship Service, on "Discipleship". Members were welcomed by Mrs. T. R. Gray, on behalf of the W.M.S. Group of the Church, and Mr. Campbell, in the absence of the Minister, brought greetings from the Pastor and members of Session. Treasurer, Miss B. Ferguson, presented the Financial Report, which showed an increase of $3,104 over the 1965 givings to the General Fund. Miss B. McLagon, spoke on "Sermons From Expo, 67", which will present some 20 sermons daily in a Special Building seating 300 people, in a plan to reach the unchurched peoples of the present age.

The Rev. J. Hibbs, Presbytery Moderator, brought Presbytery Greetings, and spoke of the Gracefield Camp. In the Evening Session, he gave the Devotional Period. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions on Council Executive was Guest Speaker, and in the afternoon gave enlightening information on the W.M.S. work in the Fields which she had visited last summer —*Korea, Japan, Formosa, Nigeria, British Guiana,* and *India.* At the Evening Session, Miss Whale showed slides on these countries, and the work and opportunities on these Fields, as she had seen them on this recent visit.

That evening, the delegates were guests at a Dinner given for them by the ladies of First Presbyterian Church, *Brockville.* The Rev. J. C. MacKay, Moderator of Synod, extended greetings and good wishes from members of Synod, and gave an excellent Address on "Hounds of Heaven", basing his remarks on Matthew, Chapter 16. A Skit arranged by Mrs. P. W. Murray and Miss Doris Blaise, in which several members participated, stressed the good work being done by our Missionaries on all our Fields; the difficulties which often confront them; and the many opportunities awaiting us and challenging our support. Mrs. W. M. Boyd, of *Cornwall,* was re-elected to the Presidency of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical.

Mrs. Murray MacDonald presided at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* when Miss Athalie Read, Missionary on furlough from *British Guiana,* illustrated her interesting Address with pictures she had taken in that land. Mrs. Lorne Kincaide, a former Group President, introduced the Speaker. Others taking part in the Service were Mrs. Donald Merkley, Soloist; Mrs. Thomas Fraser and Mrs. Allard Reynolds, who gave the Devotional; Mrs. Everett Hawkes, Courtesies. Guests from other local Churches joined members when refreshments were served in the Lecture Room, and all had the opportunity of meeting Miss Read.

Highlight of the Evening Easter

Thank-Offering Meeting held by the W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Westport,* as they met in the Church Hall, was the showing of a coloured Film Strip, "Guiana Tempo", which was most interesting and timely, as British Guiana obtains her independence in May. During the Evening Programme the Easter message was given through Scripture, meditation and prayer. Reports showed that all the W.M.S. Groups of this Church are thriving—C.G.I.T.; Explorers; and Children of The Church—with several new leaders and a fairly large enrolment.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—The Spring Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church of *Arnprior,* with the President, Miss Dorothy Dodds, in the Chair. Mrs. J. D. Jack conducted the Devotional Service. The "Aim and Purpose of the W.M.S." was repeated, as the President opened the Meeting, stressing the need for more interest in the Summer Camp at *Gracefield,* urging the increasing of membership, and seeking to interest more of the younger women in Missionary work.

Sectional Meetings are to be held at *McDonald's Corners, Cobden,* and *Stewartville.* Good Reports were brought in by all Secretaries, and Treasurer, Mrs. Grey Styles, in her Financial Report, noted that ten Life Memberships had been given. Synodical Reports were also given by those attending the Annual Synodical Meeting. Miss Gertrude White was suggested as a delegate to the W.M.S. Training Centre to be held in *Belleville.* The Afternoon Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Ted Octobee and Mrs. Hazel Harris of *Elphin.* Mrs. James Culhane, of Renfrew, a faithful member who recently celebrated her 90th birthday was among those present. Mrs. H. M. Clancy closed the Meeting with Prayer.

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When the harvest is in, and the still fields are at rest,
And the work of man's hands, God once more has blest!
(L.M.C.)

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REPORT ON FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN THE NIMAR REGION OF MADHYA PRADESH, INDIA

by MISS MARGARET KENNEDY

Missionary on the Bhil Field, India

MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN PRAYING, and helping in a material way, during these days of scarcity in India, and I have been wanting to tell you how conditions have been developing in this area.

You will know from Mr. Horrell, Miss Stringer, and others in the Jobat-Amkhut area, how there has been a concentration there on well-digging, and machines for drilling have been brought in. I will now tell you what has been happening in the Barwani-Khalghat end of the field. As previously indicated, our first concern was for the landless labourers. The Government has done well in trying to provide work for as many as possible, but amidst the masses, how to find those in greatest need! The scheme worked-out was that work in road-making, anti-erosion dykes in fields, would be given to all who would come, for Rs. 2.25 *a couple* per day (50c). We too have been able to have some projects where there is no Government work, and we have paid the same rate but supplemented the diet of the workers.

Our programme expanded with a leap in March when a plane arrived in Delhi from Denmark bringing vitamin pills (7 tons of them) and full cream milk powder (3 tons), a gift from the Danish people. The vitamin pills were turned over to the Minister of Health, then, by a wonderful turn of events, the milk powder came right from Delhi by truck to Indore. Mr. Eadie of the United Church of Canada, who had much to do in this happening, had to arrange for the Danish gentleman, Pastor Mollerup, who came on the plane with the goods, to see the kind of place and people who would benefit from the milk. The Narbadda valley area was chosen, so Mr. Jennings of the United Church, east of us in the valley, Doreen Morrison and I, had just one scramble of a day to prepare for such a programme, reception, etc. It was all quite exciting—two gentlemen from the World Council of Churches, Geneva, were also present, as well as World Church Service people from Delhi.

So this Narbadda valley, called Nimar District, has had this marvellous milk. We asked the Government officials how best to use it, and were advised to help those on the relief work as outlined above. In our section, we went to as many villages as we could handle, and listed all the children of such labourers. To start with, we ourselves went in teams, taking a drum of water, milk powder, a pail in which to mix, all in the back of the car. Miss Morrison and the clinic nurses did a like service in their clinics. The girls did so well, looking after the roll call, figuring out the amounts to mix, etc.—I at times tried to protect the car; every screw on it seems fascinating to little fingers, especially the tyre tube valves—such fun to let out some air! The caps on the valves have long since gone! Gradually we found people in the villages who would take the responsibility of giving out the milk, and we have a great time teaching them the mixing according to the numbers of children. Dan Master, our evangelist in Khalghat, took responsibility for some villages too, so we felt a bit organized. Mr. Jennings was working out programmes too, from his centre of Mandleshwar, a much bigger section of Nimar district. Then came the word—when the Danish milk finished we would get no more at all, as our's was not a regular centre under the Church World Service plan, but a Famine Emergency centre!

A Church World Service man came down to have a consultation with us all, and we got straightened around. Now we must cook grain, and give the milk sparingly (some of us, as you know, were getting milk from Canada). All Nimar was divided into six areas, and we are to be allotted some 200,000 lbs. of the American whole wheat and Corn Bran until the end of the year. So then we had to begin another programme—would our milk distributing volunteers now cook grain daily for the children, the handicapped, pregnant mothers, etc! What about cooking utensils, wood, water, salt! In a wonderful way these matters have got straightened around. The Head Men of the villages have been co-operative, and none of our milk-distributing volunteers refused to do, or at least to supervise, the cooking. Those receiving the food take turns in the matter of bringing wood, water and salt.

As the weeks have gone by, the need has increased for water and food, though, as is always the case, there are blocks of even the village population who have stored up plenty of grain for their own group, and the shopkeepers and money lenders are flourishing. Grants are available for digging private wells, and in Nimar the Government has helped in this a great deal. But alas, often the poorer farmer has not the capital to ease his application through various hands before it gets to the right official! As has been hinted, failures in a right distribution system of grain are causing more suffering than is necessary, but it will take time to right that situation. Meanwhile the grain, the money, the gifts from people of other countries, provide the extra whereby the hungry are fed; work is being provided where there is no Government work; and water is being made available. I live in villages a good part of my time; I know what these gifts mean, and I am grateful for them from the bottom of my heart.

Schools and colleges close here toward the end of April, and how glad we were to have Nelson Ganji, who is taking a special course in Bareilly Seminary, and a younger Seminary student come and live in Balkhar. Also, a High School student came, rented a bicycle, and he spends his time carrying the grain around to the villages; three days' grain at a time and, all the village knows how much is measured out for that period. There are now, in this one area alone, eleven feeding centres, where some 1000 people are fed. Careful reports have to be kept of everything used, including the empty bags! Besides this, we now have permission to give grain, too, in place of money for any community projects, and in both Mr. Jennings' area and our's, these are being operated. South of Barwani, Mr. Knox and the evangelist there have like projects in process.

This all sounds so dull; just a description of the methods we are using! But it isn't a bit dull. All our teams are becoming acquainted with a host of people with whom there has not been close contact before; official people; interesting people; needy people who want to take; discouraged people who want a lift. There is not always time or opportunity to give witness to the Gospel by word of mouth, yet I am confident that God will use this situation His own way. Among the village volunteers that I know, there is a Muslim, a high caste Hindu, an outcast Hindu, a Bhil, as well as Christians —all altogether giving of their time and energy to serve their fellow men, using the gifts from Christians in other countries. Then a host of Government people are using the same grain in their larger schemes. It will be interesting to see how God uses all of this in His pattern for this time.

Wars and famines continue; suffering is still an evil for the individual, or for the group, which God alone can take and use as an ennobling, saving force. I sometimes wonder, are we really a part of the suffering enough to count for HIM! Pray that we may be sensitive to know His perfect plan in each situation.

PRAYER

Chosen by MISS MARTINE VAN BEEK

Regional Secretary for Manitoba.

(This "Prayer for Canada" was selected by Miss Van Beek from The Book of Common Order of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as being especially appropriate for this month of September, when many of our W.M.S. Groups will begin studying the Canada Theme, as prepared for our Groups for 1966-67. L.M.C.)

"ETERNAL GOD, creator of the earth, ruler of mankind, we praise Thee for Thy goodness, which has given us this mighty land stretching from sea to sea, with fertile prairies, with cattle and wheat, with forest and lakes, mountains and rich mines, and rivers where fish leap. We lift up our hearts in gratitude for the schools where children play; the factories and farms where men and women work; the skyscrapers, bridges and railroads, built by engineers of daring and skill.

We remember, with grateful hearts, the pioneers who laid the deep foundations of our race; the authors and artists who inspired high living; the teachers and Ministers who brought each generation to understand our history and traditions. Humbly, we remember the passionate love of freedom, and scorn of tyranny, for which brave men died, believing that generations to come would build a Commonwealth, where in dignity and good-will, in creative joy and high idealism, the dreams of mankind could be fulfilled, and a new way of life could be demonstrated.

God save the Queen! Protect her from all evil, and give her all good. May the advisors of the Queen, in all Governments, be guided by no selfish nationalism, but for the good of all people. Bless our Prime Minister with courage and vision, with every quality of high leadership. May the Governments of our Provinces be so led that we shall be more closely bound together in good-will, each ministering to the whole nation. From pride of race, selfishiness of class, neglect of the responsibilities of citizenship, unscrupulous ambition and cunning rivalry, deliver us, O God.

As we meditate on Thy goodness and our many blessings, we marvel, for we are unworthy. We have abused Thy gifts; we have squandered our inheritance; we have been poor stewards of our talents; poor custodians of our traditions. Where we should have been humble, we have been proud; where we should have been generous, we have been greedy. We have evaded responsibility, neglected duty, and succumbed to softness. Our nation is being destroyed by the lust for comfort; the itch for worldy success; the search for security; and the envy of the prosperity of the ungodly. Save us from dictatorship. Give us individual responsibility, and the integrity of free men and women. O God, keep us free!

Restore the lost idealism to our body politic, we beseech Thee. Save our society from an aimless drift. Give purpose to our community, and commitment to our citizenship. Preserve us from the hypocrisy which separates religion and life. Redeem us from the mob spirit which exploits emotion, and makes blind, ignorant response. Draw us out of the caves of selfish satisfaction, and local, narrow loyalties. May Labour Unions and Management co-operate, for the larger good of the community. May our newspapers, radio, television, commerce, and education, work in unity and dedicated loyalty to create a Canadian community of abundant life. 'Lord of the lands, make Canada Thine own!' " Amen. (Pages 246-248)

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Mrs. Ron (Edith) Sharman	St. Andrew's, Fenelon Falls	Lindsay
Mrs. Archie McInnis	Knox, Woodville	Lindsay
Mrs. Catherine MacLean	St. Andrew's, Lethbridge	MacLeod
Miss Jessie MacDonald	St. John's, Medicine Hat	MacLeod
Mrs. Thomas Nie	Knox, Fort Erie	Niagara
Mrs. Alexander Jackson (In her 92nd year)	Knox, Fort Erie	Niagara
Miss Bertha M. Karn	Knox, St. Catharines	Niagara
Mrs. Robert Brown	Knox, Sudbury	North Bay
Mrs. Margaret Aitkin	Presbyterian, Paris	Paris
Mrs. Mary Atkins	Knox, Norwich	Paris
Mrs. T. Dunn	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. James B. Parker	Knox, Thedford	Sarnia
Miss Eleanor McBean	St. Andrew's, Sarnia	Sarnia
Miss Alice Robertson	Knox, Drayton	Saugeen
Mrs. Wilmer Nixson	Knox, Conn	Saugeen
Mrs. Lena Wyley	St. Paul's, Englehart	Temiskaming
Miss Caroline McFadden	Morningside, Swansea	West Toronto
Mrs. W. J. Strong	Coldstream, Toronto	West Toronto
Miss Susan Bryce	Parkdale, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. C. Rowley	Parkdale, Toronto	West Toronto

TRIBUTE OF REMEMBRANCE

MRS. T. WARDLAW TAYLOR

Prepared by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

IT IS FITTING that members of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. should pause to remember Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor, who, on June 25, 1966 in her 97th year, entered into rest with sure faith and hope.

In the Anniversary Corner of the June 1963 issue of The Glad Tidings, in an article entitled "Memories of Yesteryear", Jean Stewart wrote—"One of the most interesting and invaluable aspects of the preparation for the 1964 Anniversaries has been the contact with those oldest members of the W.M.S., in many parts of the country, whose memories of the earlier days of the Society are a priceless eye-witness record. One such venerable member is Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor, widow of the late Rev. Dr. T. Wardlaw Taylor, who at the age of 93, looks back on a long record of faithful service to the Women's Missionary Society. Many Presbyterians will recall Dr. Wardlaw Taylor as one of the great leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mrs. Taylor likewise gave outstanding leadership over many decades."

At that time (1963), when Mrs. Stewart talked with Mrs. Taylor at her home in Toronto, many memories were recalled of experiences, as a young bride, in Home Mission work in Western Canada, on the outskirts of Toronto, and then of becoming a member of the Council Executive of the W.M.S. when Mrs. Steele was president.

At the time of the Anniversaries' Celebrations in 1964, Mrs. Taylor was the sole survivor of the sixteen members of Council Executive who refused to go into Union and who steadfastly maintained the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. Those who attended the anniversaries' Celebrations in Montreal will recall the inspiring message of greeting, which was written by Mrs. Taylor and read at the meeting.

Until the very end of her life, in spite of failing sight and hearing, Mrs. Taylor continued, with keen mind and concern, to keep informed about the work of her beloved Women's Missionary Society, and the Church as a whole. For such a life as that of Mrs. Taylor, we humbly thank God. She has bequeathed to us all a tradition of steadfastness and loyalty, and of sure faith and hope, expressed in the words sung at the funeral service —

"The King of love my shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever."

To her daughter Miss Edith Taylor, the sympathy of the Society is extended, knowing that in her own faith and memories she will find comfort and joy.

You—and Your Adult Group

A COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE SOCIETY

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? The answers to most of the questions which members ask about the work of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) can be found in the pages of the Annual Report, which is published every year and sent to local groups during the summer months. At first glance members may think of the Annual Report—often referred to as the "Blue Book"—as only a list of officers and statistics. Some interesting suggestions on how this report may be used are included in the following interview of Mrs. Curr, the former President of the Society, by Miss Nutt, the Assistant in the Adult Department:

"M. N.: Mrs. Curr, I understand that you have long been a champion of the Women's Missionary Society Annual Report. Could you tell us when you first used it?

Mrs. Curr: As you know, when I first became a member of the Women's Missionary Society, I was not long over from Scotland. I wanted to find out all I could about the Society and its work. I found the "Blue Book", as the Annual Report is often called, very valuable for this purpose. I secured a copy and read it from cover to cover.

M. N.: I agree that if we are to be informed members we can learn a great deal from the Annual Report. Did your local Group ever use it?

Mrs. Curr: I don't think there has even been a year when our Group has not used the Annual Report for background information on study programmes. There is always more information on each area of our work than can be included in study materials. Besides this, if an individual member finds information in the Annual Report related to a particular programme it often means more to her.

Sometimes, in our Group, we have given time at one of our meetings, when the Annual Report first arrives, to introduce it to the group. We have suggested to members that if they want answers to questions like "How many members are there on the Overseas or National Staff?" they will find the answer in the Blue Book. (Let them count them for themselves and they will be more likely to remember!)

M. N.: Do you think the Annual Report is helpful in preparing Worship Services?

Mrs. Curr: Yes, I do. For instance, if you are building a Worship Service around a theme like "I am come that they might have life", you will want examples to show how this has actually happened at home and overseas. You will find many illustrations in Annual Reports which fit into this theme, and many other themes besides.

M. N.: Have you suggestions as to how the Annual Report could be helpful at Presbyterial Executive meetings?

Mrs. Curr: Often questions raised at Presbyterial Executive meetings can be answered from the Annual Report. One question that I think of in particular is with regard to "Supply". I have often heard executive members ask how the "Supply" money is used. The Annual Report gives all the details.

M. N.: Besides using the report to answer individual questions, are there other ways the report can be used at Presbyterial Executive meetings?

Mrs. Curr: I recall that, at one executive meeting, a period of three-quarters of an hour was set aside for a study of the Annual Report. A number of questions were given out to small Groups which spent the time finding answers in the Annual Report. Some members were surprised to find that so much interesting information about the work of each Department is included in the report.

Another year, each member of the Executive was given a half-hour to present one phase of the work, like—Christian Literature, The Fellowship Houses, New Appointees and the work they will do, Medical Work. The Executive members used the Annual Report to find the information they required.

I remember also hearing a panel answer questions based on the Annual Report.

M. N.: It might be a good idea to ask local Group Presidents to prepare questions on the Annual Report to be answered by such a panel. Do you think there are other ways that the report is helpful?

Mrs. Curr: When Presbyterials and Local Groups are encouraging members to give to the Society, the Annual Report is a great help, for we can point to the financial statement to indicate the ways in which our monies are used. Often, we give money to organizations and never see a statement showing how it is utilized. Some members and Groups also have given special gifts, and like to be sure these are used for the purpose they are given. They will find a list of the "Individual Gifts" in the Annual Report.

M. N.: I hope individuals, Groups, Presbyterials and Synodicals will make more use of the Annual Report this year.

Mrs. Curr: They will become more concerned about the whole work of the Society if they do. I'm sure they will find, as I have, that the Annual Report is interesting reading. At one meeting I attended, I told a story that caught the attention of one member who asked me where I found it. I replied: 'Why, in the Annual Report'!"

ORGANIZATION STAFF NEWS

1966 is bringing some interesting happenings and changes to some members of the Staff of the Organization Department of the Society.

On May 28th, **Miss Dorothy Keller** was granted her M.A. degree in Christian Education, from San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California. After five years of service as Regional Secretary in the Synod of Manitoba, Miss Keller began her study furlough in September 1965. We extend to her our warmest congratulations. Before beginning work in another Synod, Miss Keller will work on some special assignments from the Board of Education and the Organization Department.

The resignation of **Miss Clare Hanes** from the Staff of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., became effective on June 15. For the past seven years, Miss Hanes has served as Regional Secretary in the Synod of Hamilton and London. On July 1, Miss Hanes was married to Mr. Ronald N. Hagan, in MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario. As a Department we regret the loss of a Regional Secretary who served faithfully and well, but we rejoice in her happiness and our very best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hagan, who will make their home in Hamilton.

On June 1, **Miss Jean E. Smith** whose home is in Wyoming, Ontario, joined the staff of Regional Secretaries. Miss Smith graduated in April from Ewart College, Toronto. She received her early education in rural schools, and at Lambton Central and Collegiate Institute. Before entering the three-year course at Ewart College, Miss Smith had experience on the staff of The Industrial Mortgage and Trust Company, and in the office of Ewart College. During her training both in academic and practical work Miss Smith proved herself as a good student and dependable worker. On May 17 Miss Smith was designated as a Deaconess of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The impressive service was conducted by the Presbytery of Sarnia in her home church of St. Andrew's, Wyoming, Ontario. This service was held during the Centennial Celebrations of that congregation. Miss E. L. McClelland, the newly-elected President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., represented the Society at the Designation Service and, on behalf of the Society, presented Miss Smith with a Bible. During the Summer months Miss Smith participated in various training experiences, and until the end of the year will work on assignments from the Board of Christian Education and the Organization Department of the W.M.S. At the end of the year Miss Smith will be assigned to a Synod.

On September 1 **Miss Margaret Boyd** who has been the Regional

Secretary in the Synod of Saskatchewan will begin work as Regional Secretary in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. Miss Boyd is one of the most experienced of the Regional Staff, having served for the past eight years as a Regional Secretary, and, prior to that, on the National Staff in various parts of Canada since her graduation from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in 1948.

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Your Prayers are asked

—Let us give thanks for the witness of Graduate and Student Deaconesses, as they have served across Canada during the summer months. May their influence stir, within the hearts of those whom they served, a sincere desire to keep Christ's message very real in the months ahead, especially among the little children and youth.

—For Mr. and Mrs. Rusau, Principal and Matron of Birtle Indian Residential School. Let us give thanks for their years of service, and for the many students who have been given spiritual guidance under their leadership, which strengthened them for a successful career.

—For all Regional Secretaries as they work with group leaders and officers, and Church School teachers, that they may be used to enable others to give more effective leadership.

—For the leaders and members of all groups — C.O.C. Explorers, C.G.I.T. and Adult, that, as the Fall work begins, they may come with renewed strength and enthusiasm to learn of Christ, and the work he has entrusted to them.

—For the people of India, that there may be rain for their crops. Pray for those who are administering special projects to provide food for those in need.

—For Mr. and Mrs. Yashwant Barar that their lives may be blessed and used.

OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

Council Executive has received the resignation of Miss Ruth Bentley. Miss Bentley was married on June 4th to Yashwant Barar of Allahabad, India. They will make their home in that city. Mrs. Barar is a graduate of Ewart College. She went to India in September 1965.

FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY-MAY 1966

RECEIPTS

	1965	1966
Synodical Givings:		
British Columbia	$ 3,569.79	$ 2,883.06
Alberta	3,062.14	3,079.24
Saskatchewan	2,343.96	2,339.31
Manitoba	3,050.58	3,588.01
Hamilton and London	35,185.17	36,906.94
Toronto and Kingston	24,600.00	30,360.44
Montreal and Ottawa	13,300.00	21,730.00
	$ 85,111.64	$100,887.00
Individual Gifts	5,413.12	3,460.80
	$ 90,524.76	$104,347.80

DISBURSEMENTS

National Missions	$ 49,644.31
Overseas Missions	79,519.47
Organization	23,079.63
Publications	8,416.13
Administration	12,058.92
Insurance and Taxes	811.55
Students	......
Christian Literature	......
Council Meeting	3,464.20
Grants —	......
Audio-Visual Education	......
Medical Insurance for Staff	1,042.50
Synodical Grants	1,115.00
General Contingency	529.70
	$179,681.41
Payments from Individual Gifts	3,006.80
	$182,688.21

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

THE PLACE AND FUNCTION OF THE W.M.S. (E.D.)

by MRS. JOHN POSNO

Home Mission Secretary of the W.M.S. (E.D.)

"NOW, OFF YOU GO, and good luck to you—steer for the sound of the guns!" The Saga of the Little Ships is one of the most challenging stories of the Second World War. In the closing days of May 1940, the "Mosquito Armada" set sail for the Dunkirk beaches to rescue the British Expeditionary Force—tugs from the Thames, lifeboats, yachts, fishing craft, barges! "Everyone who had a boat of any kind, steam or sail, put out for Dunkirk . . . nearly four hundred small craft which were destined to play a vital part by ferrying from the beaches to the off-lying ships almost a hundred-thousand men" wrote Winston Churchill. In a desperate emergency, this part played by a hastily gathered supplementary force of volunteers was of major importance in the deliverance of thousands of their fellowmen. "Steer for the sound of the guns!" Detailed instructions were not needed; the need was desperate, and any man who could handle a boat was summoned to join in the great rescue mission. For the men who responded to the appeal this was indeed "their finest hour"!

"A supplementary force of volunteers", sharing in a great mission! This description could also be applied to the W.M.S. (E.D.). The official missionary agency of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is now the General Board of Missions of the General Assembly, which is supported by the full membership of the Church, men and women. From its early beginnings, the W.M.S. has been a supplementary missionary agency of the Presbyterian Church, seeking to further the Church's missionary endeavours especially among women and children. Margaret MacDougall, beloved Regional Secretary in the Maritimes, used to describe W.M.S. members as "second milers": women whose hearts were stirred by the reports of those who were in the thick of the fight, and were anxious to do more, give more, pray more, for the deliverance of men, women and children in lands across the seas.

In the earliest report of the Prince Town Female Society for Propagating the Gospel, printed in Charlottetown in 1828, it is recorded that Eleven

Pounds were "voted by the general meeting in June 1827 to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia for missionary purposes", and this pattern of co-operation with the Courts of the Church was confirmed when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organised in 1876. The writers of "Fifty Years of Woman's Missionary Work", published after 1925, stated that the "object of the Society was, and is today, to *aid* the Foreign Missionary Committee or Board of Missions by promoting its work among women and children in heathen lands". The present Constitution of the W.M.S. (E.D.) states: "Its object shall be to interest the women and girls of the Church to *aid the missionary operations of the Church* by prayer and service . . . Disbursements for the Overseas Missions shall be subject to the approval of the General Board of Missions." The Constitution also reminds members that "their *first* duty in giving to Missions is through the congregation, and second through the Woman's Missionary Society".

Churchill's little ships were not in competition with, or opposition to, the British Navy when they steered for the Dunkirk beaches! Their captains had responded to an urgent appeal to meet a desperate need, and their contribution was vital in the rescue of thousands of men who would otherwise have perished. In the emergency, the Prime Minister needed men with seafaring skills and also a deep concern for their countrymen, ready to sacrifice their own lives if need be. The W.M.S. (E.D.) is not in competition with the Church's missionary programme through the G.B.M. Its members are committed to "aid the missionary operations of the Church", and no special need or special appeal is ever ignored. As a supplementary missionary agency, the W.M.S. (E.D.) has a vital contribution to make, and sometimes may even be able to meet a special need which the G.B.M. cannot fully meet in a time of crisis. The contribution of women's missionary organisations was recognised by the writers of "A Short History of the Presbyterian Church in Canada":—"The interest in overseas missions was stimulated by the active role which the women of the Church played in this enterprise".

The focus of all W.M.S. activity is still on missions. In the early years, inspired by the challenge of John Geddie and other pioneer missionaries, interest was concentrated in work overseas, in the New Hebrides, Trinidad, Guyana and Korea. The first E.D. missionary, Miss Blackadder, sailed for Trinidad in 1878, and served there for 36 years; about twenty missionary teachers in Trinidad were supported by the W.M.S. (E.D.) for longer or shorter periods prior to 1925. The keen interest of Maritime women in Korea was a major factor in the development of Presbyterian work there, the W.M.S. (E.D.) contributing to the building of hospitals and schools and providing teachers and medical staff, notably Dr. Luther

Young and Dr. Kate MacMillan, who died in a typhus epidemic after 21 years of service.

At the present time only two overseas missionaries are supported by the W.M.S. (E.D.): Miss Mary Nichol (Director of the School of Nursing at Jobat Hospital, India), and Miss Georgine Caldwell, who will be joining the staff of Tainan Theological College. In Guyana the E.D. is responsible for the support of four senior deaconesses and several student deaconesses, and grants are made for Christian Education and other purposes. The annual grant to Jobat School of Nursing, India, was increased to $8,000 two years ago, and contributions are also made to the Church's work in Japan and to the Santo Institute in the New Hebrides.

Home Mission work was begun in 1905, and the name of the Society was changed from the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society" to the "Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Society"; this was simplified in 1915 to the present name. The swelling tide of immigration before 1914 was a challenge to the whole Church, and the W.M.S. (E.D.) responded by building, staffing or equipping schools, children's homes and mission churches to help the newcomers and teach their children. There was also great interest in the training of ministers and deaconesses; bursaries were provided, and students supported for summer work in Home Mission fields. Grants were also given to Social Service Institutions, and help given to pioneer work in the North West, Newfoundland and Labrador. At present the Home Mission staff consists of one Regional Secretary, three Presbytery Deaconesses, a Chinese evangelist (on loan from the W.D.), and a part-time Hospital Visitor in Halifax. Grants to the three Presbyterian Camps and other institutions and bursaries to student ministers and deaconesses are still part of the Home Mission programme.

The W.M.S. (E.D.) functions in much the same way as the W.D. on a more limited scale. At the last report there were 205 Auxiliaries in nine Presbyterials, all within the bounds of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces; hence there are no Synodicals, the Presbyterials reporting directly to the Board of Management, which meets twice a year, in April and September. At the Auxiliary and Presbyterial levels there are very few differences between the two women's missionary societies. Differences in origin may account, to a large extent, for the differences in administration of the two societies. A statement prepared by the E.D. Board in June 1963 clarifies the relationship: "The present W.M.S. set-up, with Eastern and Western Divisions, dates back to 1876, the W.F.M.S. (E.D.) being a society of the Foreign Mission Board (E.D.), while the W.F.M.S. (W.D.) was set up by the General Assembly to unite three W.M.S. groups in the western section. The W.M.S. (E.D.) and parent Auxiliaries have supported the F.M.B. (E.D.), later the General Board of Missions, for 119 years."

The W.M.S. (E.D.) was independently organised, with power to alter its own Constitution, but has always worked in close co-operation with the G.B.M., accepting that Board's direction in overseas work. The Western Division was for thirty years a Board of the Church, responsible to the General Assembly, but under the revised Constitution of 1948 it was recognised as a "Society within the Church", changes in constitution being subject to the consent of a General Assembly. Both societies have representatives on the G.B.M.; the E.D. being represented by the President and two other members of the Board. Board members are also appointed to other General Assembly Boards and Committees, also Synod and Presbytery Committees. This ensures effective consultation and co-operation with all missionary and educational agencies of the Church. Some other differences in function may be mentioned. The financial system is different, the fiscal year ending in June, and the income of one year allocated to the following year's work. All administrative work is still a voluntary service, whereas in the larger organization it has been found advantageous to appoint specially trained directors at a salary.

Members of the two W.M.S. societies have much in common. With the same Motto: "The World for Christ", almost identical names, and Purpose or Object expressed in very similar terms, there has been increasing co-operation through the years. Representatives of both societies meet on various Boards and Committees of the Church, and find that they face the same difficulties and problems, the same challenges and opportunities. For years Maritime women have used Mission Study Guides and programmes produced by the W.D., and have benefited by visits from Western staff and missionaries on furlough. Consultation and joint planning has proved valuable regarding projects and personnel, both at home and overseas.

Writing for "Glad Tidings" in March, Rev. D. T. Evans expressed the hope that the steadily growing co-operation between the three missionary agencies of the Church will continue, and asked: "Can we see a day when the three will be one, rather than the one, three?" With this end in view, members of the E.D. are giving serious consideration to the possibility of future amalgamation with the W.D., in an effort to strengthen the work and witness of the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In the long history of the Presbyterian Church, the coming together of divided groups has meant a forward movement in the work and witness of the Church. "The Union of 1875 imparted a powerful impetus to overseas missions!" ("Short History of the Presbyterian Church"). Members of the Eastern Division look back with pride and thankfulness on the missionary endeavours of women of the Maritimes since the first missionary society met in 1825 in P.E.I., and pray that we may face the challenges and changes of Today with the same courage and devotion to the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HOUSE, WINNIPEG

by MRS. A. BEATTIE, B.Th., House Mother

WHAT IS A FELLOWSHIP HOUSE? Why should the Presbyterian Church have such a place in Winnipeg? What is its purpose? Perhaps these and other questions are in your mind at this time. It is the purpose of this article, therefore, to give you information, in order that you might pray more effectively for the work.

The word "House" is used as part of the name because the building is a large home, where residents and houseparents live together. Most contacts begin when young people come to live in residence. Some students stay for a short time, while they adjust to their new surroundings and find permanent living quarters, and others remain for the duration of their course. They are welcome as long as they have need of the facilities of Fellowship House. The majority of residents have been students, but provision is also made for those who come to Winnipeg to procure work or get established in some way. Consequently, the 'House' has served many during their period of initiation to city life or to a new country.

"Fellowship" is the other part of the name which must be considered There are three aspects to this word. The first is the secular point of view and carries with it the thought of sharing or participating in something. The second aspect deals with fellowship in the Biblical sense, and refers to joint partakers in the Gospel. Those who are Christians share in the realization of the effects of the death of Christ, participate in what is derived from the Holy Spirit, in the sufferings of Christ, in the resurrection life possessed in Christ, and as a result there is felllowship with the Father and with the Son. The third view is concerned with the practical effects of this fellowship with God, wrought by the Holy Spirit as an outcome of faith (W. E. Vine, An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words). Such fellowship was manifested when the Churches in Asia and Europe shared in a collection for the poor saints at Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8 and 9).

How does the idea of sharing, suggested in the first view of "fellowship", apply to Fellowship House? Its purpose is to minister to young people of all races. During the past year, residents have included boys from a broken home in Winnipeg, young folk from Reserves in Manitoba and Ontario, and students from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Africa, and Jamaica. Their backgrounds are varied, but there are certain factors which they share. They have no home, or are away from home, they participate in the life of their present "home", and the aim of the majority of them is to be educated.

The second aspect speaks of the true fellowship that exists between believers. The ultimate aim of all the work is, therefore, to bring young people face to face with Jesus Christ, and help those who know Him to grow in grace. Morning devotions are conducted daily at the breakfast table, and there is the privilege and responsibility of witnessing by word and life. This is the part of the work that needs so much grace, wisdom, and patience.

The Bible is a new book to some of the students who come from other countries. But it was found that there was an openness to discuss religion, and a readiness to investigate Christianity. As a result, a Bible Study Group was formed. Some twenty-five young people have been meeting once or twice a month to discuss the Gospel of Mark and have a question period. The local folk and overseas students who gather together represent various faiths and creeds; namely, Christianity, Mohammedanism, Roman Catholicism, and some are followers of Buddha or Confucius. After the study, tea

Bible study group taken in front of Winnipeg Presbyterian Fellowship House. Various parts of the world are represented, namely, Hong Kong, Trinidad, Thailand, Taiwan, India and Canada.

is served, and an opportunity is afforded to visit and get better acquainted.

At these studies, the presence of God has been evident and interest has been keen. Some may come out of curiosity, but others have been truly searching for something. One chap, who came to Canada about a year ago, spoke freely about his spiritual condition from the day of his arrival. He said that he had attended a Christian School, but was too obstinate to accept Christianity. Later on, he mentioned that he was considering the Christian faith. The following are some of the questions which he asked: "What does Christianity mean to the life of a man? Why do non-Christians live as happily as Christians? Is Christianity really necessary?" Not long ago, he remarked that his attitude has changed since high school days. May the Holy Spirit continue to speak to this wholesome fellow, who is also an ardent student. Another overseas student said, "In our country we have nothing original. Even our textbooks come from America. I wonder if the reason for this is that you have Christianity." In another instance, two young people in attendance at the Bible Study became quite excited when they heard about Eternal Life for the first time. Such are a few examples which give us insight into the searching that is going on in the minds of some who have been studying the Scriptures.

The final aspect of "fellowship" stresses the practical outworking of faith in Jesus Christ; Fellowship House provides the opportunity for such service. Local young people, women's groups and individuals have been involved in the work. Residents and friends of Fellowship House were invited by a Young People's Society to go carolling last Christmas; moreover, in the interest of these folk, Christian young people have participated in Bible discussions and planned socials. Individuals and groups of ladies have provided the refreshments for the social hour after the study on Sunday afternoons.

In order to illustrate the practical effects of fellowship, the incident of the collection for the saints at Jerusalem was cited earlier. Their particular need was financial. This is not necessarily the case with those who come to the "House", but monetary assistance is given occasionally to a student who is deemed worthy of it. When a young person comes to Winnipeg to start work, his, or her, physical needs are cared for until payment can be made.

Generally speaking, the daily needs of those who have been guided to Fellowship House are as many and varied as those of mankind, and continue after they move on to some other place of residence. For this reason, it is also the purpose of the "Home" to be a Recreation Centre. It may be merely a trysting-place, where former residents come to relax and visit. Sometimes, students like to cook food of their native land, or they may want a free haircut, or need a character reference. This summer, something rather unique took place: a Chinese lad planted and tended a little flower garden.

To what measure does Fellowship House live up to its purpose? Many times it appears that much labour bears little fruit, but it is personal work that requires time and patience. The ones and twos who are helped gradually add up, and so the "family" grows. If young people come to realize that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7), the "House" will fulfil its intended function. You are invited to pray to this end.

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PRAYER FOR A FRIEND

I WILL not wish thee riches, or the glow
Of greatness, but that wheresoe'er thou go
Some weary heart may gladden at thy smile,
Some weary life know sunshine for a while;
And so thy years shall leave a track of light,
Like angels' footsteps passing through the night.

—Selected

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HERE THEY COME!

by the REV. RONALD ROWAT, B.A.

Director of Immigration
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

THE DEACONESSES and port workers have done their work—tagged baggage according to denomination, written out lists of immigrant passengers, and now the immigrants file down the gangplank.

What a disappointment to the Hollywood mentality expecting to find people in shawls and in native peasant costume! Such people are one in a thousand, even on foreign-owned ships sailing from Baltic ports. All Europe has become "citified" in dress, and only a native of the country knows that the Polish boy or girl who has moved to the factory in Warsaw hailed originally from a small village in the Tatra mountains. The writer had asked an amateur photographer to accompany him to a ship one Saturday, expecting to find some native costumes. To his surprise there was not one peasant costume to be seen!

The next impression is the youth of the newcomers. Here are young couples; some on their honeymoon; some married for a short time; others young mothers joining their husbands, who have come out beforehand and secured positions.

These newcomers are polite and gracious, regardless of their creed, colour, or their country of origin. They are approachable, and only once, in meeting thousands of people, was help resented. At a critical time in the life of a family or of an individual, the Christian Church is afforded an opportunity of extending the right hand of fellowship to strangers within our gates, and of being of assistance to them in a tangible way. The fact that baggage is sometimes hard to locate, that information is needed regarding trains, etc., gives the Christian worker an unparalleled opportunity of being a minor type of good Samaritan. This is possible at a ship dock, but not at an airport. With little or no baggage, the air passenger is whisked through immigration and customs, and is on his way to the next plane, or to his friend's car at the airport.

The newcomers are trained. They have served their apprenticeship; they have their cards; they bring their own tools; they may have jobs waiting for them. Few, if any, are penniless. They have money in the bank, they have good cameras and radios, their baggage indicates that chill penury has not made them travel with dunnage bags. Some bring their skis and, of course, on every boat from England there are a number of family pets, since no quarantine is required for entrance of livestock from the British Isles.

For the most part they are educated. It is surprising to find the large number of people from Eastern and Western Europe who can understand English and can speak it slowly, even though they have never been in England or on this continent. For those who cannot speak English, we have a number of fine volunteer interpreters, themselves new Canadians, who know the difficulties of emigrating and the pitfalls to avoid.

Racially, who are the newcomers? We are dealing here with arrivals in Montreal and not with arrivals in Halifax, where all Greek and Italian boats put in a call. Well, they come from all over the globe. An English boat may have East Indian scientists or technicians aboard. She always carries a number of Jamaicans. Here we must stop to pay tribute to the faithfulness of the missionaries who worked in Jamaica, for practically all the Jamaicans are deep Christians and numbers of them can be seen in most Churches in the vicinity of Montreal, and probably in the rest of Canada. French young people from France are aboard, and they are eager to learn English or to be more fluent in it. Not a few racially-mixed couples come to make their homes here.

What are their trades and occupations? Here is a white-huntress from Nairobi, Africa, asking me about moose licenses in British Columbia; here are dancing instructors and instructresses. One British boat last fall had twenty-four medical Doctors aboard! Most of the young ladies have done secretarial work back in England; some will do modelling, and others want to be receptionists. *All have great expectations!*

(*This is the first of three short articles by our Director of Immigration*)

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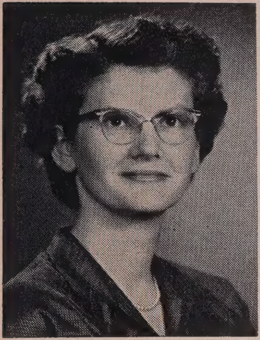
THANK GOD FOR THE DAY

Let us be grateful for the day. Let us rejoice in the sunlight—and when it is hidden from us, let us remember that in the upper air, above our clouded sphere, the sun still fills the heavens. Many good things continue to come to us. Nature is continually providing us with bounties—while we wake and while we sleep. So, let us go to our appointed tasks with cheerful obedience, and joyful expectation. If trial and trouble await us, or if, in the heat of the day, the burdens seem too great, we may still be comforted in the thought that above all there is a Supreme Being, in Whom the world from its beginning, and still today, places its trust.

(From "The Cumberland Presbyterian", Memphis, Tennessee)



MISS MARY WHALE

THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

At The
Annual Council Meeting
In Ewart College, Toronto
May 9th - 13th, 1966

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

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(Explanatory note: The Services of Worship were planned around the theme of the 1966 Council and the considerations which were before that Council Meeting: "That Thy Way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations." The thought was based on The Task we are given; the tools we have been given for the task in The Structure of the Society; The Individual in that task. The Future — we are called to continue onward and upward in the Service of the Master.)

SERVICE II

PRAYER — Great Shepherd of Thy people, hear;
Thy presence now display;
As Thou hast given a place for prayer,
So give us hearts to pray. Amen.
Book of Praise No. 316 — Verse 1

HYMN — Book of Praise No. 91

PSALM 100—read in unison

SCRIPTURE LESSON—Acts 2: 42-47

PRAYER — Once again, our Father, we lift our hearts to Thee in thanksgiving and praise. We thank Thee for Thy gifts of rest, and bread, and light. We thank Thee that Thou hast brought us to this new day with all its beauty, with all its promise. We thank Thee that Thou hast given us Thy Church through the life, death and resurrection of Thy Son. We thank Thee that Thou hast called us to do service within Thy Church.

Help us to-day to serve Thee, to fulfill whatever task Thou wilt give us to do. Help us to know how best our Society may be used to proclaim Thy name throughout all the world, how it may be used for the healing of the nations. We pray for each one serving at home and abroad. Give to men and women in Thy service the courage and the wisdom to serve Thee as Thou would have them serve.

We pray for the nations of the world. May Thy love, as revealed in Jesus Christ, increasingly be known and understood. May thy peace be known by more and more men, women and children. Be with our nation in these days, O Lord. Be with her leaders that they may be empowered to lead us all into greater achievements, for the welfare of mankind and for Thy glory.

Be with each of us to-day. Help us in these meetings to be channels through which Thy will may be fulfilled. May we seek, and seeking find, the place this Society is to take in the life of our Church and in the life of our nation.

We ask that Thou wilt be with our loved ones. Keep them this day, help us as Christian families to proclaim Thy love.

We pray in Jesus' name. (The Lord's Prayer).

MEDITATION—We are here these days to consider how we may best be used of God that His name may be known; that the nations receive His healing power. We have said that we are in succession to those of old whom God called to His service. We have just read of the way those who became followers of Christ's way bore witness of His power, in the days after our Lord's ascension. We read of the simple way they met together, shared their possessions, and broke bread together. There was joy in their lives. The Gospel was thus proclaimed. Many people heard, many were healed in body, mind and spirit.

Later on, in the story of the development of the early Church, we read what happened to two people who did not fully join the fellowship; who withheld some of their possessions; who tried to keep some of the price of their property for themselves, while pretending they were sharing fully. The fate of Ananias and Sapphira has often made me wonder. In the early Church there was no place for half hearted involvement. They had to give all, or they died.

To-day we are hearing a great deal about the structure of the Church. How far have we travelled from the simplicity of the early days? We serve within the structure of the Women's Missionary Society. Does the structure of the Society allow us to be the best kind of witness? Does it provide a fellowship? In many ways I believe it does. But do we dare ask ourselves, and each other, if there should be changes made to make the Society a better witness? Can we bring its structure before the Lord, examine it, and see if it could be better used for the healing of the nations? Is there any chance that there are places where the structure interferes with the witness?

I recall the deep sadness I had a few days ago when I was visiting among a group of new Christians in the Bhil field of India. Here was such a great opportunity — people were wanting teaching. Those who had not heard the Christian message were asking to hear it; those who heard wanted more teaching. But the structure was a problem. In the plan of the local Presbytery — urged by the Canadian Mission, there was to be decreasing financial support from Canada. Already the Presbytery was strained to meet their obligations — and here were new people — poor people who could contribute nothing financially, wanting teaching. How could they afford to send their leaders and maintain their progress to self-support? The structure stood in the way of the proclamation of the Gospel.

And I sometimes wonder about our attitude to Home Helpers! The early Christians drew people to them because of their joy, their sharing of material things. We speak of the need of new members. Why do we want them? Do we, at any time, think of them first as helping with the finances — or do we have a concern that all the women of our Church share the fellowship of a group of women on fire for the cause of the Kingdom?

Does the structure of the Society reflect the joy, the sharing, the ingathering of the early Christian communities — or is there any part of us in danger of the fate of Ananias and Sapphira?

We go now to the day's task, to examine the work of the Society. Let us pause and seek God's guidance, that we may be led to make the greatest use of the Society's structure for the healing of the nations.

PRAYER — sung by Mrs. J. A. Newstead—Canadian Youth Hymnal No. 153—Verses 2-5. Tune: Almsgiving No. 139 Book of Praise

"Draw from my timid eyes the veil,
To show, where earthly forces fail,
Thy power and love must still prevail,
  Thy will be done.

"With confident and humble mind,
Freedom in service I would find,
Praying through every toil assigned,
  Thy will be done.

"Things deemed impossible I dare,
Thine is the call and Thine the care,
Thy wisdom shall the way prepare,
  Thy will be done.

"All power is here and round me now,
Faithful I stand in rule and vow,
While 'tis not I, but ever Thou:
  Thy will be done."

HYMN NO. 367 Book of Praise

BENEDICTION—"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP?

THE GIRLS OF KNOX CGIT and their leader, Mrs. Brown, had explored Pioneer Village, and were resting under a spreading maple tree. They could still smell the fragrance of fresh-baked bread coming from the stone ovens, and Sally smiled contentedly as she chewed her horehound candy. "Wasn't that old store just choice?"

"I like the quaint old Church best," replied Jane, "especially the high pulpit, and the pews with doors on them. It seemed to be the meeting place for community activities as well as the place of worship."

"Yes, Jane," said Mrs. Brown. "In most of Canada's early settlements the Church was the social as well as religious centre. The minister and his wife gave leadership, not only in Church matters but also in community affairs. I am glad that we in CGIT, through our Mission Study, are sharing in Canada's centennial by discovering how the Church contributed to the development of our country, and what responsibility we as Christian citizens have today. The Church has been active in the life of Canada ever since Jacques Cartier planted a cross on the shores of the Gaspé. Our earliest settlers brought their ideals and customs, and also their beliefs."

"Some of the Ministers and Priests stayed with the settlers in established communities, but others went right along with the explorers," observed Dorothy. "When we went to Midland, we saw the restored fort Sainte-Marie-aux-Hurons where the Jesuits built a hospital, a Church, and a dwelling place. They must have had a great affection for the Indians to go to such an isolated place. Many of the Hurons became Christians because the brave Priests cared for them."

"And the Jesuits were only the first of many men and women of God, who followed the explorers and fur traders further West," added Mrs. Brown. "They helped smooth the way for the early settlers by acting as interpreters between the Indians and white people, so the Government of Canada could arrange treaties without bloodshed. I am sure the pioneer families were grateful to know that Ministers were there to bring them the Word of God, which helped them to endure their hardships and loneliness. The Church was the leader in providing Schools and Hospitals for them too."

"You almost make me wish I had lived in pioneer days," sighed Donna. "Too bad there are no more frontiers. Of course, we're just a group of teenage girls. There's really nothing we can do."

Mrs. Brown answered, "That is not quite right, Donna. It is true that not many geographical frontiers are left, but we still have frontiers in Canada. We are a bicultural nation, but our two main races, English and French, are more than ever looking for the best way to live and work together as one nation."

"Oh, I know one way we can help there!" exclaimed Mary. "Collette, a French Canadian exchange student, is going to stay with Sally this summer. We can include her in all our fun and activities. In this way, we will get to know about each others' views, culture and language. It is easier to understand the needs and aims of a friend, than someone we don't know."

"That is true for all people, whether they are French, English, New Canadians, Indian or Eskimo," put in Jane. "My sister had a wonderful experience when she shared in the International Work Camp at Operation Beaver. Young people from all over the world worked with the Ojibway Indians in building their Church. At the same time each learned to understand and appreciate the other better."

"I sometimes wonder if we Canadians believe in brotherhood, though. Do we always provide equal opportunities for education in all parts of our country—in particular on some Indian reserves?" spoke up Donna.

"We can't do much to change that situation—that is a Government responsibility," exclaimed Dorothy.

"Well, one Committee of Government was ready to listen to a delegation of grade seven students when they spoke to them about religious education in the schools! If we take the time to know what we are talking about, adults will listen and act. We could write to the Department of Indian Affairs, and to our Church's Board of Evangelism and Social Action, to let them know about our concerns," answered Donna.

"I think you girls have just discovered another frontier," said Mrs. Brown. "Equal opportunities in the field of education have always been a concern of Christian men and women. Reverend Egerton Ryerson supported this idea so strongly that the Government appointed him Superintendent of Education for Ontario. He set up our system of Public Schools, with free education for all to the end of High School. People *can* change bad laws if they have the courage to speak out."

Thoughtfully Sally spoke up, "I think when Jesus said 'love thy neighbour', He meant us to be concerned about people in need, no matter whether they live in Canada or anywhere in the world.

"I want to take Home Economics and then go to India where I could show the Indian people more effective ways of growing and preserving their food. In that way I could help them help themselves. I guess when we choose our vocations we shouldn't ask what's in it for me, but how can I best use my education for myself and for others."

"Arnold Toynbee must have had people like you in mind, Sally, when he said that our age was the first to think it practical to make the benefits of civilization available to the whole human race," replied Mrs. Brown.

"Perhaps we are all beginning to realize that Christian citizens must have a concern for the total welfare of all people. Some of us try to escape into the Church and wait for God to work out His purposes. But God waits for us. If we would truly serve and follow Christ we will be concerned about all the needs of our fellowmen."

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(In 1966-67 teenagers across Canada will be thinking about the witness of the church in the growth of our nation and of our own responsibilities as Christian citizens in the 20th century. The specially prepared study resources are—

Mainstream by Adelaide Leitch for junior highs (ages 12-14) A mosaic of eight fictitious but authentic stories of the persons and the churches who shared in making Canada the Nation she is today. Reading book — $1.75, Study Packet—$2.50

Into A Nation edited by Vivian Holland—for Senior Highs (ages 15-17) This book and study offers Senior Highs and young adults a unique opportunity to view the role of the Christian church in the major aspects of Canadian development, including land settlement, politics, education, social welfare, and the creative arts. Throughout, it challenges young Christians to recognize their own gifts and responsibilities for today and for the future. Reading book—$1.75, Study packet—$2.50)

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ONLY!

Only a seed, but it chanced to fall
In a tiny cleft of a city wall,
And taking root, it grew safely up,
Till a tiny blossom crowned its cup!
Only a thought, but the work it wrought
Could never by tongue, nor pen, be taught,
For it ran through a life, like a thread of gold,
And that life bore fruit—a hundredfold!

(Selected)

Boys and Girls!

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR THE CANADA YEAR

1966-67

An important Centennial Project of interest to boys and girls was the preparation of two books. A committee composed of representatives of the four major denominations in Canada worked for three years to produce the two books.

"STORIES FOR CANADA'S BIRTHDAY," by Audrey McKim, is for boys and girls 6 to 8 years. There are ten stories covering a period from 1800 to the present day. Each story tells of one incident at a given time in the history of the Church in Canada. The stories are exciting and informative. One incident is of a child lost in the woods and rescued by a Minister on horseback. Another tells of John Lowe who refused to call his stepfather, the Rev. Mr. Tupper, father, until the birth of a stepbrother, who later became the Prime Minister of Canada.

The names of Renison, MacDougall, Lacombe, Robertson and Evans are given a prominent place. Two present-day stories complete the book—about a French-speaking camp and an inner city experiment.

"BLAZING TRAILS IN CANADA," by Fred Swayze, for boys and girls 9 to 11 years, tells of daring adventures in the days of the Early European settlers coming to Canada. The first nurse in Canada, who was not a Roman Catholic Sister, Jean Mance, is an exciting story filled with action and suspense. The Trail of the '98 will help the reader to understand some of the hardships of those in search of gold. Dr. Andrew Grant used his skill as a doctor and his gifts as a Presbyterian minister, to save the lives of many who braved the treacherous mountain passes.

Other stories are about the last time the United States and Canada fought on opposing sides; about a man who saw the promise of new things for Newfoundland; and the story of the Barr Colonists in Saskatchewan. The book is brought to a climax with two stories of today, one the inner city and the other an Eskimo, living on the Northeast coast of Hudson Bay.

Every boy and girl should have these books, that they may become better informed of the important part the Church has played in the making of Canadian History. The books *Stories of Canada's Birthday* and *Blazing Trails in Canada* will be of interest to both boys and girls and cherished as a souvenir of Canada's Centennial year. Stories from these books will be used in the C.O.C. and Explorer programmes during 1966-7.

(*May be ordered from the Women's Missionary Society Publications Dept., Room* 205, 100 *Adelaide Street, West, Toronto* 1. $1.75 *each.*)

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT THIS WAY?

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

(Reprinted by Request)

YOUR "GLAD TIDINGS", I mean — your own official Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) Magazine, which you are at this moment holding in your hands and reading! Have you realized that it *belongs* to you, personally, as a member of the W.M.S.; that it is planned, written, and published, especially for *you,* and also for *all* the women of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, who realize that the Missionary work within our Church is one of the most vital parts of the whole work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and around the world? It is produced, first and foremost, that you may be truly concerned, and well-informed, about our own special Missionary work, both in Canada and Overseas, in which you, and every other member of our Society should be constructively interested—as well as in what other Churches are doing along these same lines, and in which we so often have a co-operative share.

This is the Official Magazine of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.) —the voice of our Society; the broadcasting medium for the work, the plans, the accomplishments, the needs, and the opportunities, of the Missionary outreach which it is our privilege, through the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to endeavour to fulfill to the best of our combined ability. It is, also, in its own informative way, our textbook for our members, and all other mission-conscious readers—authorized by *you* as one of the primary and vital needs of our Organization, with its widespread membership across Canada, its many active Groups, both for young and old, and its leadership in Teen-Age and Children's Work; all seeking to work together in unity of purpose, with the prayerful objective of helping to win "The World for Christ", and so fulfill our Motto.

This is one of the strong bonds which help to bind us all together, in Christian fellowship and mutual purpose; to inspire, and help, and inform. How can we possibly do without it, if we are earnest W.M.S. workers, endeavouring to learn more and more about our work, not only of the present and for the future, but being ever mindful of those wonderful Christian women of the past, who from the very beginning, and all through the troubled time of disruption, continued to build, firmly and prayerfully, the staunch foundations of our Women's Missionary Society work and purpose, and so bequeathed to us the precious heritage which is ours today? And a very vital part of that heritage is "The Glad Tidings" itself, because it, too, came to us, as the development of the little four page 'Missionary Letter Leaflet", which from the very beginning of the W.M.S. Organization carried to all members the news from Mission Fields, and other growing angles of the W.M.S. outreach. Always, the founders and the members of our Society have recognized the need and value of providing, through their own magazine, regular Communication for all who wished to share in the work of The Women's Missionary Society—for all who honestly want to know, and support with their prayers and their funds, all those dedicated Missionaries and workers on our Staff, who have gone, both far afield and in the outposts of our own land, in our stead, to fulfill Christ's command — "Go ye out into all the world and preach the Gospel to all people".

We have today a membership of from 29,000 to 30,000, and yet our circulation has not yet reached 25,000. Little more than two-thirds of our members are supporting the work of their own Magazine, by sending one small dollar to pay for eleven copies, delivered to her own door! Yet, how many of our whole membership would hesitate to spend that dollar for anything else her heart desired, and consider it well expended! I wonder if, perhaps, we do not, at this point, need to reconstruct our sense of values, when we consider the work of our Society, and our own responsibilities toward all phases of that work!

Last year, there were 22,607 subscriptions to The Glad Tidings. This year we are hoping desperately to achieve 25,000—a not unwarranted expectation surely! Sometimes, I cannot help wondering what has happened to that indomitable and forward-looking W.M.S. spirit of 1925, when to get our beloved magazine going again after its taking-over at the time of the disruption, a subscription of several months, for twenty-five cents, was offered, and few, indeed, were the women who sent in only that small sum. The subscriptions poured in from all directions, and with them came, not twenty-five cents, but bills of all denominations—freely, generously, and proudly, sent from loyal women who loved their Society, all its work, and the precious Magazine which brought them news of it, and kept them keenly conscious of that work and their own responsibility and part in it, with every issue they received. To be without their official Magazine was unthinkable to these dedicated women, to whom we owe the very existence of our W.M.S. today!

This lack of subscriptions from so many members of our W.M.S., is no new problem, however. Away back in 1934, when our dearly-loved Miss Mamie Fraser was the Editor of "The Glad Tidings", we find her working and pleading for at least 25,000 subscriptions for the coming year of 1935. She was never to see the end of that year, nor the increased subscriptions for which she worked so faithfully and well, but in the last issue which she was able to bring out herself she wrote—"Jesus said, go ye out into all the world".—"But how *can* we go, even in thought, if we do not know something about the people and their conditions—and how *can* we know, unless we read—and where can we get this authentic information at such small cost?"

Where, indeed? And yet, not even now, thirty-two years later, have 25,000 of our members realized the true value of their Magazine, and what it should mean to them. If they had, "The Glad Tidings" need not be any burden in the funds of the Society, (if it could ever be called that), but could be pretty well financially self-supporting, if carried equally by *all* members, so that the Editor, and the Publications Committee, together, could concentrate on making the Magazine more valuable, more comprehensive, and worth-while, with every passing year. A subsidy? Yes a subsidy might *still* be necessary, and desirable. I do not know of any Church publication which is not subsidized to some extent by the Church or Organization which sponsors it. This is considered to be a quite legitimate responsibility, even in our own Church planning!

Let us now, for a moment, look at the Magazine itself. Why should we want to have it? First, because as Missionary-minded women, it is filled with information we *should* have, and *need* to have, about our work throughout the world. Its very title explains itself. It *is* "The Glad Tidings" —I almost feel like adding "of great joy", for that is what it really is. There is nothing ever sad, depressing, or defeatist about this small Magazine. In these days of world uncertainties, and strange conflicting ideologies, it carries high the banner of Faith, Hope, and Accomplishment. Our Church is marching straight ahead, and our W.M.S. work is ever-broadening farther and farther afield. The Word of God is being carried forth, by voice and written word, into waiting and troubled hearts everywhere, and this we know to be a living fact, because our "Glad Tidings" tells us constantly where and how this is being done; how we are helping, and how and where we can more greatly help.

It was so happy a choice to call this little Magazine of ours, "The Glad Tidings", because that is so exactly what it is—(and to me it is a special joy because this name was decided upon on the suggestion of a member of the Sloan Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of my own Church—Parkdale Presbyterian Church in Toronto.) My dictionary tells me that "Glad" means "joyous or pleasing"; that "Tidings" is "news or information"; that "News" is "recent intelligence". So you see, then, that the name of *your* Magazine really means—"The Joyous News"—"The Pleasing Information"—and "The Recent Intelligence". In its contents, we are at once aware of the significance of each meaning. There, we find the "joyous news" of progress made; new hearts brought to Jesus; healing of mind and body brought to hundreds of needy ones, through the work of our W.M.S. There, too, we find the "Pleasing Information" of just how these things are being done, and by whom; and the "recent intelligence" which keeps us keen and conversant with all the many developments in all our Mission Fields.

I like to think, sometimes, of our "Glad Tidings" as a tree—a green and spreading tree planted by the well of Living Waters, into which its roots dip deeply to draw of the strength and purity of our faith. I like to think of its spreading branches giving the cool comfort of peace and respite to all whose troubled spirits pause for a little from the noonday sun of unrest, doubt and discouragement, to take fresh strength and widened vision from its sheltering shade. And I like to think of it, too, as another kind of tree—one of those sturdy, staunch little pines, which we see so often on our northern lakeshores, growing sturdily from a crevice in the rock, where almost nothing, it seems, *could* grow — yet thriving, verdant and strong, despite the buffeting of storms because its roots have reached far down past hindering rocks, and found the deep rich soil beneath. That is what "The Glad Tidings" did in 1925, when it planted itself fimrly on the rock of Presbyterianism, to withstand every opposition, as its roots sank even more deeply and penetratingly into what we know to be "the faith of our fathers", ever tried and sure. Has it lost any of its meaning and surety now? With all my heart—I pray not!

Again, is it not like a great tree, towering high in the forest, and overlooking all the land about? I am reminded of Philomen Wright, the famous farmer-father of the great Ottawa Valley, who came into that vast wilderness of tumbling waterfalls and untouched primeval forest, knowing that a great part of it could be his for the claiming, since no one else thought it ever could be developed into anything of value. How did he base his judgment, and take his findings? He climbed to the top of the highest tree he could find, and from that vantage point looked over all the land, and found it good.

That is what we do when we sit down to read our "Glad Tidings". From the top of our tall strong "Tree of Knowledge", we can see far away into our Mission Fields — into the newly-independent Guyana; among the Koreans in Japan; into Formosa, India, and Nigeria in Africa; throughout our own Canada, and into so many far and different lands where Christian literature is taking knowledge and literacy, and the Word of God, because of the help we send. We can read about our Welcome and Welfare, and our Port Work among the many newcomers to Canada; our Chinese work, and our Indian Residential Schools, and we can see what is being accomplished through our Supply Work; our Children's and Young Peoples' Programmes, our Camp Work, and our Study Books and many helpful resource publications. From this tree-top vision, we cannot help but feel and realize that all these things we see, and learn about, are good, and well worthy of our help and support in every way.

In our "Glad Tidings" we find, as the months go by, Worship Services to be used in Groups, both small and large, some of them especially prepared for Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving Programmes; Monthly Prayer prepared for us by one of our own busy Workers, either Overseas or here in our own land; full Reports of the Annual Council Meetings; the latest news of the work and the Staff members of our Overseas, National, Organization and Treasurer's Departments; features for The Teen Years and our Boys and Girls; Book Reviews of worthwhile books; Programe Materials for Meetings and for Study, and always in "Through The Society" the news from our Synodicals, Presbyterials and Groups. There too, we will find, in the eleven issues of each year, not only the history, past, present, and future of our W.M.S. work, and how our members are working and planning to carry this on, but real hope and inspiration for the days ahead, and often the quiet word of comfort for our grief.

Can we really afford to be without "The Glad Tidings" in our homes—we, who are W.M.S. members, and whose official Magazine this is? And should we not seek to interest other women in our congregations, so that they, too, may come to better understand the scope and far-reaching importance of the work of our Society — and perhaps eventually become one with us? Haven't you some friend who would value it far beyond any other small gift—some shut-in who would welcome its message each month—some far-away lonely one who would find it a warm reminder of home, old friends and her church? Let us think seriously about our Magazine, and see if each W.M.S. member cannot do just *a little bit more* to give to "The Glad Tidings" the added support and increased circulation which it merits and needs, and definitely should have!

THE SUBSCRIPTION STORY
1955 — 1965

YEAR	SUBSCRIPTIONS
1955	18,413
1956	19,342
(Price increased by Twenty-Five Cents. Present Editor appointed Sept./56)	
1957	17,773
(A loss of 1,569 subscriptions!)	
1958	18,769
(996 subscriptions regained)	
1959	19,161
1960	19,296
1961	20,040
1962	20,311
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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Women's Guild of the W.M.S. of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* although a small Group, has taken on some interesting projects. First, the Home Helpers Secretary gave out the envelopes used by the W.M.S., and, through these, found that homes and persons were reached, who otherwise might have remained in the background. Second, a "Telepathy Tea" was held, which, the members feel has made their work more touching in fellowship in the motto of the W.M.S.—"The World For Christ". Many friends across the country were reached through this Tea.

CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The Women's Fellowship of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* held a

Spring Salad Festival, which was convened by Mrs. John Tovari, and Mrs. I. Verstaten of the Wo-Shilo Group. Guest Speaker, Mrs. Leo Kunelius, spoke on "An N.G.O. Woman at the United Nations". Mrs. Fran Cormack entertained.

The Goforth Affiliated Group of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* met at the home of Miss Margaret Alexander, to bid farewell to Miss Jean MacKenzie, who goes to make her home in *Vancouver,* with the prayers and best wishes of all her friends in Knox Presbyterian Church. The loss of the Goforth Group will be a gain to the W.M.S. in *Vancouver,* as Miss MacKenzie was a loyal and faithful member, and used her many talents unsparingly, both for her W.M.S. Group, and in the many positions she has held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary.* Miss MacKenzie was presented, by the Goforth Group, with a copy of Catherine Marshall's fine book, "Beyond Ourselves".

At the Annual Thank-Offering Luncheon-Meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, 60 members and guests were present. Rev. Murdo Nicholson, D.D. Minister of this Church, opened the Meeting, and Mrs. Paul Paulson gave the Devotional Service. Miss Alice Dines, Secretary of "Unicef" for *Alberta* was Guest Speaker and told of the work of "Unicef", which is helping in 100 under-developed countries to build up health services and in training local Staff for teaching, both academically and vocationally. She pointed out that in recent years, the receiving countries have provided over $2.50, in matching funds for every "Unicef" dollar contributed to them. "Unicef" is an arm of the United Nations. Groups of this Auxiliary have been studying "The Word With Power", the Study Book, which they have found most rewarding, and especially the Bible discussions which followed.

At the June Meeting of the Elizabeth Rae W.M.S. Group of Grace Presbyterian Church, Miss Murdeena McIvor, a Missionary home on furlough from her work in Haiti, was Guest Speaker. Following her inspiring Devotional she showed interesting slides of a day in the life of a Missionary in Haiti. Miss McIvor's Mother has been a member of this Auxiliary for many years, and is a Life Member of the W.M.S.

Sponsored by the Executive of Calgary Presbyterial, an Open Meeting for Presbyterian Women was held in Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* at which reports from the Annual Council Meeting in Toronto were presented by the delegates attending. Mrs. Alberta MacCallum presided, and comprehensive Reports were given by Mrs. K. C. Doka, Mrs. Scott Sinclair, and Miss Barbara Woodruffe, Regional Secretary.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — Mr. Ron Conn of the Citizenship Branch of the Federal Government and Regional Liaison Officer for *Alberta,* was Guest Speaker at the Spring Rally of this Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Valley Centre.* Mr. Conn, speaking as a "professional layman", spoke on the position of minority Groups in Alberta, especially the Indian population. "To show that we have an awareness of what Christian Citizenship means", he said, "we must treat all men as human beings with rights, and teach those who are less fortunate to *act* as human beings". He pointed out that "in a Province where four Indian Chiefs, coming to one of the large Cities for a Conference on Indian Affairs, were refused accommodation in *seven* hotels before finally getting rooms, the people of that Province cannot sit back and proudly claim, "no discrimination".

Mrs. G. Ross, of *Rocky Mountain House,* and Mrs. C. Richards of *Penfold,* gave the Devotionals, and Presbyterial President Mrs. E. Day, Jr., presided. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Jack Puzey by Mrs. John Rich, on behalf of the W.M.S. Group at *Valley Centre,* in recognition of her long and faithful service. Mrs. Joseph Smith of *Lousana,* a delegate to the Annual Council Meetings in *Toronto,* presented her report. Miss Lorraine Spencer of *Fort Erie,* the Student Deaconess for the summer in this Presbyterial, was an honoured guest. Dinner was served by the ladies of *Valley Centre.*

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REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Aileen Raid, of the Wyckliffe Bible Translators, on furlough from *Mexico,* was Guest Speaker when the ladies of Walter Martin Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* held their Easter Thank-Offering Meeting, and, in her Address she gave an insight into the problems involved in this particular type of work. Members of Groups from First, Calvin, Northside, and St. Stephen's Presbyterian Churches attended. Mrs. Delmar Morris was Chairman, and assisting were Mrs. D. Lanz, Mrs. N. Milos, Mrs. A. Tipping, and Mrs. P. Trenker.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — C.G.I.T. members from four *Saskatoon* Presbyterian Churches braved icy winds and heavy snowfall to attend their traditional 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Miss Dixie Kee gave the Meditation, and representatives from each Group took part in the Service. The Offering received was sent to the India Famine Relief Fund. Following the Service, the girls enjoyed a delicious breakfast, prepared and served by some of the Mothers.

The C.G.I.T. Group of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* with eighteen active members, is the largest Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Group in that City. Through the year, they have raised money for the Church and for Missions. They held a car-wash, in very cold weather: their Leader organized a demonstration given by a Studio Girl consultant, in points of good grooming and make-up; they attended the Easter Sunrise Service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon;* and, through the months, joined with the congregation of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Church Parades on particular Sundays, and took part in a Variety Night held for the enjoyment and participation of members and all Groups of the Congregation. A Mother-and-Daughter Banquet closed the activities of the year. All agree that this has been an enjoyable year, filled with fun and useful work.

The Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* was held at Mount Royal Lodge, with an attendance of approximately seventy. President, Mrs. E. Early, presided, and expressed the pleasure of the Group in meeting at Mount Royal Lodge, and having guests of the Lodge attend their Easter Meeting. Mrs. Early opened the Meeting with Prayer, and read a poem, "Who Walks With God". Mrs. R. Downey conducted the Devotions, and Mrs. L. Carpenter, Director of Music at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, led the Hymn Singing, and also sang a Solo, accompanied by Mrs. Morris. The Rev. R. A. Davidson, B.A., Minister of St. Andrew's was Guest Speaker, and, basing his Address on Chapter 20 of the Gospel of St. John, verses 24 to 29, discussed the problems of doubt in a Christian's life. The Meeting closed with Prayer, after which refreshments were served and a Social Hour enjoyed.

MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL—Under the leadership of Mrs. P. D. Ruddell, Mrs. G. McIver, and Miss Lynda Hoffa, a C.G.I.T. Re-affiliation Service was held by the Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* with seven girls present. Mrs. T. D. Moir presented the W.M.S. Membership Cards to Sharon Martin, Barbara Kergan, Donna Mazur, Marlene Mazur, Lorie Hoffa, and Diane Damm. The Evening Guest Speaker was Rev. Stephen Howe of the *Mistawasis Indian Reserve.* Introduced by Miss Patricia Kern, he spoke first of his homeland, *Formosa,* then told graphically of the work on this Indian Reserve in Canada, and suggested ways in which help can be given. Miss Margaret Gollan thanked the Speaker, and a Question Period followed.

Presbyterial President Mrs. H. C. Brumwell was presented with a Life

Membership Certificate and Pin from the Friendship Circle of Knox Presbyterian Church. Mrs. E. K. Woolman made the Presentation, assisted by Mrs. Townsend. Literature was displayed by Mrs. Brumwell during the Social Hour in the Church Hall. Despite a very stormy night, there was a good attendance.

At the combined Thank-Offering Service of St. Paul's and Knox Presbyterian Churches of *Moose Jaw,* Mrs. D. Cunningham, Mrs. C. R. Townsend of Knox, and Mrs. J. Dryburgh of St. Paul's led the Devotional Service using material from "The Glad Tidings". Accompanied by Mrs. H. Fletcher, a much-appreciated Duet was sung by Misses Lynda and Lorie Hoffa.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Presbyterial President Mrs. Peter Dawson presided at the One-Day Rally of this Presbyterial held in *Biggar* Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. R. Bernhardt, Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was in charge of Devotions. Some fifty members answered Roll Call by giving the name of a Missionary. Mrs. Ed. Early gave Comments on the Recent Annual Council Meeting, and a Report was given on the Literature Department. A Book Display was set up in the Church Hall.

Following Lunch, Miss Hildur Hermanson, R. N., recently retired after her many years of work in Formosa, showed interesting slides of that land. An Afternoon Highlight was a Debate on "Resolved That We Recall All Our Overseas Missionaries", conducted by Mrs. J. Plomp, Mrs. J. Jooke, Mrs. C. W. Wilson, and Mrs. C. J. Davidson. A lively discussion followed. Miss Evelyn Murdock, Presbytery Deaconess, presented Reports On Camp, Summer School, and Ewart College. Mrs. Arnold Kranz of *New York, U.S.A.* (the former Frankie Ferguson) was Guest Soloist, and sang a beautiful Negro Spiritual—"Lil' Black Sheep". The ladies of the Biggar Church were hostesses at Luncheon, and for the Afternoon and Morning Coffee Breaks.

The Margaret O'Dell W.M.S. Group of Calvin Presbyterian Church held a Social Tea to raise money for the "India Famine Fund" and the Supply Allocation. A very good response was the well-appreciated result.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Martine Van Beek, Regional Secretary, was Guest Speaker at a combined Meeting of the Heather Club, and the W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Neepawa.* She gave an interesting and informative talk on "Programmes", which, followed by a lively "Question and Answers" and Discussion by the members, made a very worth-while Evening. Mrs. D. E. Partridge, Heather Club President, presided, and the Devotional Service was given by Mrs. Charles Cameron and Mrs. Charles Venables.

At the recent Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon*. Mrs. Fraser Clark was Guest Speaker. Other guests were Mrs. J. F. McCullough, who conducted the Devotional, and Mrs. P. V. Hayden, who was Soloist. President, Mrs. Edith Leeson was in charge of the Meeting, and Mrs. Hugh Allen was Organist. Mrs. T. L. Black and Mrs. F. H. Watt were ushers. The Social Hour was in charge of Mrs. Angus Kellie, and Mrs. Fred McKay.

When the Jessie MacDonald W.M.S. Group of Southminster Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* held their recent Thank-Offering Meeting, Mrs. George Bain was Guest Speaker, and her topic was "Where Seek Ye The Christ?" President, Mrs. Lenora Hamilton, presided, and Mrs. W. G. Armitage was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. George Lepard, Organist. Others taking part in the Service were Mrs. Edith Leeson, Mrs. R. W. Lampkin, and Mrs. W. J. Sim. Following the Meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Lampkin, Mrs. Lepard, Mrs. Joseph Sproule, and Mrs. John Tapp, assisted by Mrs. Rebecca Anderson, Mrs. J. Hunter, Mrs. Russell Elder, Mrs. Sarah Graham, Mrs. G. E. Howard, and Mrs. Sim.

Canon Murray Ames was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon.* Mrs. Edith Leeson gave the Devotional, and Mrs. David Hammond was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Leeson. The President, Mrs. J. H. Irving, presided, and the Social Hour was convened by Mrs. D. J. Taylor and her Committee.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Group of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church, with President, Miss E. Whittaker in the Chair. The Junior Choir, under the direction of Miss Iris Ford, and Miss Dorothy McCombie, sang two selections, which were greatly enjoyed by all present. The Guest Speaker was Miss Verna Crooks, from the Indian and Metis Centre, and, in her interesting Adress, Miss Crooks gave a vivid picture of the Indian way of life, and the conditions on the Reserves. Presbyterial Greetings were conveyed by Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, President of Winnipeg Presbyterial. Following the Address Tea was served by the members, convened by Mrs. P. McIntosh and Mrs. A. Campbell.

At the regular Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of Calvin Presbyterian Church; *Winnipeg,* President Miss Elizabeth Whittaker was presented with a Life Membership Pin, on behalf of the W.M.S. members, by Mrs. W. S. Smith, Past President. The Report of the Annual Meeting of Manitoba Synodical was given by Mrs. W. S. Smith.

The Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Evening Group of St. James Presbyterian Church (Winnipeg) was held in the Church Hall. Mrs. Austin Beattie, House Mother of Winnipeg Fellowship House, was Guest Speaker, and Special Prayers were offered for all our Missionaries, in Canada and Overseas; for the Youth of our land; and of Thanksgiving for all God's mercies toward us, both as a people and a Nation. A Social Hour of fellowship over the teacups followed the close of the Meeting.

The death of Mrs. G. J. (Rubina) MacFarlane is recorded with sadness. Mrs. MacFarlane was an Honorary President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* and will be greatly missed by her fellow workers in the Church.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL: — Friends from *Tiverton, Paisley,* and *Glamis* Baptist Church, attended the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Glamis,* held in the Church Parlour, when the Rev. A. Fry, of *Cargill,* was the Guest Speaker, and spoke of the role of women in Jesus' time, in contrast to the active part they play in today's society. The beautiful Easter story was read by Mr. John A. McLean, and Mrs. Ken Thompson led in prayer. The "Glad Tidings" reading was given by Mrs. Lloyd Hutton, and Mrs. W. Vanderlee and Mrs. A. A. Greer also gave readings. Mrs. W. Knox was Soloist. Mrs. C. McLennan presented the thanks of the Meeting to Mr. Fry, accompanied by a gift. The Rev. W. Knox pronounced the Benediction, and, following this refreshments were served by Mrs. C. McLennan, Mrs. W. Vanderlees, Mrs. V. Gamble, and Mrs. A. A. Greer.

Miss Clara Norman, of *Kincardine,* who attended the 100th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hanover.* Guests were presented from *Ayton, Walkerton,* and *Durham,* and the Baptist and Anglican Churches in Hanover. Mrs. C. Nutt presided; Mrs. J. Ward was Organist; and C.G.I.T. members were in the Choir. Mrs. J. H. Greave was Soloist. Others taking part were Mrs. G. Ward; Mrs. F. Scott; Mrs. P. Mills; Mrs. E. Forster; Mrs. R. Grietzner; Mrs. G. K. Crockford.

On behalf of the W.M.S. Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Glamis,* a blue velvet communion table Runner, with the Burning Bush embroidered on both ends, was presented to the Church by Mrs. Lloyd Hutton and Mrs. W. H. Gilchrist, on Easter Sunday. This was dedicated by the Rev. Wm. Knox, in memory of the late Rev. Harold Funston, who had been Minister of this Church for eight years. Mrs. Funston unveiled the Runner, and the Board of the Church was represented by Mr. Kenneth Thompson and Mrs. Irving Gilchrist. During the Service, Miss M. McDowell, of *Chatham* sang a Solo, and both the Senior and Junior Choirs sang selections.

President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, presided at the Evening Worship Service, held in Geneva Presbyterian Church, *Chesley,* by the Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial, to honour the Rev. J. Alan Munro, M.A., B.A., D.D., Moderator of the 91st General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. After the Call to Worship, by Mrs. Krampp, Mrs. Carl Remus read the Scripture, followed by prayer by Mrs. Fred Moyer. Mrs. John Black welcomed visitors, and Mrs. W. Knox sang a Solo. As this was "Family Night", Mrs. Hugh Nugent, of *Chatsworth,* conducted a Panel on "The Christian Calling", when Miss Marible Archibald, of *Tara,* represented "The Witness of Youth"; Mrs. T. Gamble, "The Witness at Home"; Mr. Gordon Cunningham, a retired School Teacher, spoke for "The Witness at Work"; Mr. Fank Gamble, spoke on "The Witness of Leisure". The Rev. Dr. Munroe, in his fine Address, challenged those present to live a rich life in obedience to the teaching of Jesus, and closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

An Evening Service was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Owen Sound,* when the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. James Alan Munro was the Speaker. The Rev. Fred A. Miller, Moderator of Presbytery, conducted the Worship Service, and introduced Dr. Munro, who spoke on the Theme—"The Christian—Where in the World—and What in the World?" A dialogue took place between Dr. Munro and the people, and was then summarized by the Moderator.

The Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Groups of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Owen Sound,* held their joint Thank-Offering Meeting in the Chapel, with Mrs. MacDonald, President of the Afternoon W.M.S., presiding, and giving the Call to Worship. Miss Vida Gilchrist read the Scripture; Mrs. Sargeant gave the Prayer; and the Trio—Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. Graham—sang a selection, accompanied by Mrs. McLean on the Autoharp. Miss Jean Sinclair introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Hazel Macdonald of *Goderich,* now retired after many years of Missionary work in *Formosa.* Showing slides, she told of her work in that land, and wore a lovely dress presented to her on leaving *For-*

mosa. A display of Formosan handiwork, and other Formosan objects, created much interest. The Speaker was thanked by Mrs. Clow, and the Meeting closed with prayers by Mrs. McGillivray. Lunch was served by members of the Evening W.M.S. Group, and a Social Hour was enjoyed over the teacups.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Kate McGregor and Senior Home Circle of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* held their combined Easter Thank-Offering in the Sunday School Room, with Mrs. C. Whittington presiding. Honorary Memberships were presented to Mrs. Ewen Riddell and Miss May Davis, both Charter Members. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions on Council Executive, was Guest Speaker, and gave a splendid picture of the W.M.S. work across Canada, relating it to the Easter Message. Mrs. J. McConnachie thanked Miss Kelly, and tea was served.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Meeting of Hamilton and London Synodical was held in Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, *Niagara Falls,* with Mrs. Burnham, President, presiding at all Sessions. The Theme was "Thy Kingdom Come". At the Dinner given for the delegates by Niagara Presbyterial, greetings were presented by the Rev. W. J. McKeown, Minster of the Church; the Rev. W. A. McLeod, Moderator of Presbytery; and by the Mayor of *Niagara Falls,* Mr. R. Keighan, who welcomed the delegates to *Niagara Falls,* and regretted that the fine work of our Missionaries could not be brought to television. Greetings were also brought by the Moderator of Synod, the Rev. D. C. McDonald, of *Simcoe.*

At the Evening Meeting, President Mrs. J. Gilmore brought Presbyterial greetings, and welcomed guests. Accompanied on the organ by Mr. Clive M. Jacklin and Mrs. Robert Slinn, the Senior and the Childrens' Choirs supplied the music, and Mrs. Bette Crompton was Soloist. Worship Services were conducted by the Rev. W. J. McKeown, the Rev. P. Darch, and the Rev. Charles Henderson. Mrs. Donald MacInnes conducted the Memorial Service for late members, remembering especially Mrs. W. C. Wheaton, of *Port Stanley,* Past Synodical President. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, moderated a Panel with the Presbyterial Presidents, on the Theme, "The Christian's Calling". Subjects discussed were—The Call to Obedience; Life of Hope; Faith; Witness; Stewardship; Peace and Humility; Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving; Conciliation.

At the Evening Session Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, Treasurer of the W.M.S., was Guest Speaker. Miss Athalie Read, on furlough from *British Guiana,* spoke at Afternoon and Evening Sessions, showing slides, and stressing the need for understanding of the problems facing Christians in that country. At the Dinner Hour on Wednesday, the C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Thorold,* under the leadership of Miss Ruth McPherson, put on a Skit, which was much enjoyed. On Thursday morning, Officers for the coming year were installed by the Rev. C. D. Henderson, who closed the Meetings with the Benediction.

Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Childrens' Work, addressed a large gathering of C.O.C. and Explorer Groups, their mothers, guests, and W.M.S. members, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Welland.* Mrs. Harold Bailey welcomed the large audience, which represented many Churches of this Presbyterial. Miss Darlene McIntyre, *Port Colborne,* as Chief Explorer, presided at the Worship Service, and four *Welland* Explorers presented the comment on the Commission. A full Explorer Choir sang, and little Judy Sykes was Soloist. Others taking part were Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. S. Gilmore, and Regional Secretary Miss Clare Hanes, who led the Explorers in their "Purpose", and had a brief message for both Groups. The Minister, the Rev. W. A. McLeod, pronounced the Benediction.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Corunna.* President, Mrs. Allan Neal, presided, and opened the meeting with a Call to Worship, based on the Theme — "Hope". Mrs. Hillis, of Grace Hay W.M.S. Group of *Petrolia* read the Scripture, and Mrs. D. S. Campbell, of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Group, gave the Prayer. Reports were presented by the various Secretaries, and Workshops were conducted on the work of Presbyterial. These findings are to be evaluated and brought to the next Executive Meeting. Mrs. Stewart Smith of Wyoming Pioneers closed the morning session with prayer.

Prayer by Mrs. C. Crosbie, of Sarnia, opened the Afternoon Session, followed by greetings from Sarnia Presbytery, brought by the Rev. D. Kemble, who also conveyed greetings from the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Corunna.* Mrs. Frances Brunton, accompanied by Organist, Mrs. Murray, sang a Solo. Mrs. Dwight Field, of *Forest* gave the Treasurer's Report. The Guest Speaker, Miss Athalia Read, on furlough from *British Guiana,* was introduced by Mrs. Roy Gillatly, and based her Address on a verse from St. Matthew's Gospel — "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends What Great Things The Lord Has Wrought for Thee". Miss Read stressed the real challenge of the Missionaries' work, and pointed out that the task of the Church at home is to study the depth of the work of the Church abroad. "We must ask ourselves", she said, "Where are we going?" Mrs. R. S. Burnham, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, thanked Miss Read. Officers were installed by Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, and Prayer by the Rev. D. Kemble brought the Annual Meeting to a close.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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Press Secretary

BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Winchester,* with an attendance of 85, and President, Mrs. T. R. Gates presiding at all Sessions. The Theme was "Deepening Our Discipleship". Mrs. C. R. Robinson, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Winchester,* welcomed delegates, and Mrs. McDonald, of *Morrisburg,* replied for those present. An interesting Panel Discussion on the Synodical Meeting held in *Brockville* was given by Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Mearns, Mrs. Kinkaid, Mrs. Brown, and the Moderator Mrs. Mawhinney, of *Prescott*. The Rev. John J. Hibbs, B.D. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Iroquois,* gave an encouraging Report on Gracefield Camp. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, the Guest Speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Colin MacGregor. Mrs. Fred Cass was Soloist, and the Devotional Periods were given by Mrs. A. D. Sutherland at the Morning Session, and Mrs. Russell Milne at the Evening Session. Miss Whale closed the Sessions with Prayer.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Rally of Glengarry Presbyterial took place in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lancaster,* with President, Mrs. J. D. MacGregor presiding at both Sessions. The W.M.S. Group of the *Glengarry* Church conducted the Morning Worship Service, and the *Cornwall* W.M.S. gave the Afternoon Worship Service. The Report of the Synodical Meeting, held in *Brockville,* was given by Mrs. Clifford MacRae, and Synodical President, Mrs. W. M. Boyd, brought Synodical greetings, and also reported the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, *Toronto*. The Rev. J. A. Fortier, B.A., Presbytery Moderator, and Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lancaster,* brought Presbytery greetings and welcomed delegates. Mrs. Alpin MacGregor led in an impressive Memorial Service. Mrs. J. A. Fortier was Soloist and Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions was Guest Speaker. In her interesting Address Miss Whale told of her recent visits to the various Mission Fields and commented on the work being done in India, Japan, Taiwan, Nigeria, and Guyana.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent Meeting of the W.M.S.

Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church *West Huntington,* held in the home of Mrs. Barton Haggerty, an Address was made to Miss Bessie M. Fleming, and the presentation of an Honorary Membership, the highest honour the W.M.S. can confer on a member, was made to Miss Fleming, on behalf of her W.M.S. Group, by Mrs. John McInroy. Mrs. John Wallace, President of Kingston Presbyterial, also paid tribute to Miss Fleming for her long years of service in her Church, the Choir, and the Sunday School, as well as in her W.M.S. Group and the Presbyterial.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — An unique gathering, planned by Ottawa Presbyterial, was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* in late May, when not only Presbyterian women, but delegates from the Anglican, Lutheran, United, and Baptist Churches, and the Salvation Army, met to consider how best joint-action of *all* Christian Churches could promote World Church Missions.

A "first" for Ottawa Presbyterial, and perhaps the first of its kind—how did this Meeting come about? The impetus came in 1963, when three members of this Presbyterial drafted a Resolution to Council, stating that "the W.M.S. (W.D.) undertake a thorough self-examination, individually, and organizationally, in humility before God, and without limiting the scope of the undertaking; that this should include (among 9 other Articles) 1.—a study of the place of the W.M.S. in the Church, as a whole; 2—a study of ways of broadening our understanding of the total mission of the Church, that is, what is being done by others, and how". This Resolution was passed by Ottawa Presbyterial; by Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, and sent to 1964 Council, where it was duly considered, and felt by the delegates to be adequately answered.

To implement their share of responsibility for this Resolution for self-examination, Ottawa Presbyterial, during the next two years, held a Conference each year, to which all Presbyterian women in the area were invited, to see if the mission of the Presbyterian Church could be carried out more efficiently by joint-action of *all* women in the Church. In 1966, at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, a motion was passed that Ottawa Presbyterial devise ways of study for broadening the scope of the mission of the Church; that each Auxiliary invite groups of women from other denominations, during the first four months of 1966, to tell of the scope of the Mission work of their Churches; that the Presbyterial bring this study to a climax in May.

Nearly all Groups took part in the Presbyterial's suggestion, and these preliminaries culminated in the unique gathering on May 28th in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* when both an Afternoon and an Evening Session were held, both addressed by the Rev. Gwenyth Hubble, B.A., B.D. The Afternoon Session, in the Church Hall, was attended by delegates, and led to Discussion Groups; the Evening Session was open to the public, and Miss Hubble conducted the Service of Worship, and gave the sermon. The Theme for the Afternoon Address was—"The Needs of the World Today—A Review of Christian Missions—Need and Opportunity". In the evening, Miss Hubble spoke from the text—"What Think Ye of Christ?" Supper was served at 6 P.M. to the delegates at cost. This interdenominational gathering grew from three to one hundred in three years. In answer to the question heard as they left the Church—"Is all this discussion and inspiration to *end* here?"—those responsible for the gathering felt that, "the seed, having been sown, God will, if it *is* His will, give the increase."

(*Editor's Note—The complete Text of the two Addresses given by Miss Hubble at these Meetings is to be published in a coming issue of "The Presbyterian Record", and this, we are sure, our Members will be eager to read in its entirety. L.M.C.*)

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Rally of Quebec Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Upper Melbourne,* with a good attendance, and President Mrs. Philip Boy presiding at all Sessions. This is the Church which is pictured on the Canadian two-dollar bill!

Opening Devotions were conducted by Mrs. G. Doran, of L'Eglise des Cantons de l'Est, in *Melbourne,* on the Theme of the Meeting, "Prepare Ye The Way". Greetings were extended by Mrs. H. E. Mouland, of *Milan,* Second Vice-President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, and the Rev. J. VanderWal, Moderator of Quebec Presbytery, as well as Minister of the hostess Church, brought Presbytery greetings, and with Mrs. J. VanderWal, President of the W.M.S. Group of this Church, warmly welcomed delegates. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss Alene Morrison, of Sherbrooke, acted in this capacity. Miss Christine Morrison of *Asbestos* presented the Financial Report, and the Presbyterial decided they could send two young ladies to the *Belleville* W.M.S. Training Centre in July, with a possibility of assisting a third person to attend, if such was available. Literature Secretary, Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod, had a splendid Display of Literature from the Publications Department, and this was well patronized.

Excellent Reports of the Synodical Meetings were given by the delegates—Mrs. J. E. Nicholson, of Scotstown; Mrs. J. E. MacDonald, of *Milan*; Mrs. F. Converse, of *Melbourne*; and Mrs. H. Fitch, of *Sherbrooke*. Of special interest to this Presbyterial was the fact that the givings of the Evening W.M.S.

Groups of Quebec Presbyterial were the highest in the Synodical.

A Life Membership Certificate and Pin were presented by the Presbyterial to Mrs. George MacDonald of *Milan,* a valued member who has served in various Offices, and who compiled a History of Quebec Presbyterial for the Centennial Year. The Presentation was made by Mrs. H. Mayhew, of *Sherbrooke,* on behalf of Presbyterial. The Morning Session was closed with prayer by Mrs. G. MacDonald, after which the ladies of the Hostess Church served dinner in the dining-hall.

President Mrs. P. Boy opened the Afternoon Session with prayer, and the Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. J. E. Nicholson of *Scotstown,* who gave the Scripture reading, and Mrs. R. Bhe, of *Scotstown,* who gave an inspiring Address and led in prayer. Mrs. H. E. Mouland, of *Milan,* introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Doris Blaise, of *Montreal,* who spoke on the Theme of Proportionate Living and the importance of using our time properly. Miss Blaise also gave some interesting items from the Annual Council Meeting in Toronto, before her Address. A welcome guest was Mrs. William Brown, of *Howick,* who spoke briefly. Three girls from the Junior Choir of *Upper Melbourne* Presbyterian Church, with organ accompaniment by their leader, Mrs. J. VanderWal, sang a very lovely trio.

Mrs. Mouland voiced a protest against Sunday elections, and all agreed that this should be forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Governments. The Question Box was in charge of Miss Alene Morrison, with Miss Doris Blaise answering the questions. Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod of *Sherbrooke,* thanked all who had participated in the Meetings and the closing Prayer was given by Mrs. Edith Boyd, of *Asbestos.* Refreshments followed the Meeting and a Social Hour was enjoyed by all present.

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NOT ONLY WITH OUR LIPS!

By

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Rev. Malcolm Ransom

(The Rev. R. Malcolm Ransom, B.A., Th.B., in January, 1966, became Director of Missionary Education for The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Since 1958, Mr. Ransom has been Assistant Secretary of Overseas Missions, and, prior to this, he spent many years as a Missionary in China. He is a graduate of McGill University, and Princeton Theological Seminary. In his new position, Mr. Ransom will help Church members, and congregations to commit themselves to active service, both locally, and around the world. His Address on the Opening Night of the Annual Council Meeting in Ewart College, Toronto, last May, will be well remembered by all who had the privelege of hearing him. Editor)

RECENTLY, a Toronto business firm began answering the telephone with the saccharine-sweet and somewhat overwhelming greeting—"Thank you for calling—this is Metro Motors." This must be a new height of superficiality even for the field of Public Relations! When such sudden thanks spring so lightly to the lips it belies sincerity. It cannot be the expression of a genuine emotion that affects one's basic outlook or actions.

For many Christian people, Thanksgiving often means little more than a glib expression of gratitude which comes only from the lips, and may well be an easy substitute for service.

The prayer of General Thanksgiving asks God to "give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days." Thanksgiving that is "unfeigned" and sincere will result in a lively witness to the glory of God, through practical service to our fellowmen. This is the essence of giving thanks.

This, too, is something of the subtle relation between worship and mission. Basic to true worship, is a realization of God's grace and goodness to all men that leads the worshipper in glad response, to put himself in God's hands, in order that God may use him willingly and joyfully in His great and gracious purposes for mankind. It is a matter of accepting God's forgiveness with gladness. This creative experience will put him into a new relationship with his fellowmen. When a man senses that his own life is undergirded by forgiveness, he finds himself on a truly human level that enables him to relate to other people as real persons, and so to serve them at the point of their real need. Thanksgiving opens the flood gates of the soul, so God by His Spirit can lead that man into mission.

The Psalmist makes this clear in that little liturgical psalm, 67, which keeps in balance these two elements: worship and mission. "God be gracious unto us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us" he sings, "that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations." Then he bursts into thanksgiving, "Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee" for God's rule will establish justice and equity among the nations. He ends with the hope, as one translation puts it, "God has blessed us in order that all the ends of the earth may worship him."

Thus a deeply missionary yearning, that reached out to all nations, grows out of an overwhelming sense of gratitude to God for His goodness to the Psalmist's own people. This is the spirit of true praise and effective worship.

Note the intimate relation between thanksgiving and mission, gratitude and action, rendering thanks to God, and going out into life as His witness among men. The Psalmist sees God's bounty (or "man's affluence" as we might put it today) not as an occasion for self-congratulation but as a reason for going out in glad response, yet in deep humility, to be the servant of the Lord in the world of men. This Israelite for one, holds that God's mercies to his people are not to be smugly enjoyed, but are a spur to point all men to Him, who is the source and fount of all goodness. He establishes this basic ingredient of mission:—that it springs from sharing actively God's outgoing love and concern for even the least of His Creation.

Thanksgiving, then, is not a passing feeling that respectable Christian folk work up regularly each October (in Canada). It is a way of life, the opposite to the current popular belief that "the world owes me a living". It puts us, like Paul, in debt to all men, to declare by word and deed the good news of God's love, "declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord", and to make that news known with all the ingenuity that man's inventive genius can devise. Giving thanks is not only with our lips but in a life for others. This is the heart of mission.

So, the renewal of the Church depends upon its recovery of a sense of its mission in the world. Not the multiplication of churches; not more men for the ministry; not a restructuring of the ecclesiastical organization; not more programs to be promoted—in none of these does renewal lie; but in coming to know the power and relevance of the Gospel in today's world, and in letting oneself go "way out" for humanity's sake, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Well-trained young people, in many walks of life, are demonstrating dramatically that they want to use their training in ways that will benefit humanity. What a challenge this is to the Church! Christian people, individually and collectively, through the Church have a tremendous opportunity to counsel and channel qualified young people into useful service, either through non-church agencies such as Canadian University Service Overseas, the Company of Young Canadians, Frontier College, Cross-Roads Africa, or through the missions agencies of the Church, offering new forms of ministry at home and overseas.

Despite our space-age triumphs, we still have low grades in human relations. It is precisely in this area that the Gospel has its most profound and helpful insights. Christian young people must be shown that, in such a day as this, there is an unlimited demand for well-trained social workers for every facet of our increasingly complex society. Every planning board in the land, for example, needs one as a consultant. If the church is sensitive to the needs of the time, and the needs of people around it, it will accept, as part of its mission, the necessity of recruiting, passionately, large numbers of social workers. Why do we not encourage our young people to train and equip themselves through social studies to serve with intelligence the growing needs of communing life?

Traditional "church workers" are missing the mark. Are we flexible enough in our church — at the local level and at every level of church life — to stop recruiting for conventional church work, that is largely irrelevant today, and give our young people guidance, encouragement and, if necessary, assistance, to train for such specialized social work as will meet the urgent needs of our day in Toronto or Tokyo, London or Lagos, Montreal or Mississippi? Perhaps the church would suffer a set-back in its conventional institutional life — but it might thus find its true life, and the supreme satisfaction of meaningful Christian Service.

The Women's Missionary Society is right in the midst of this opportunity. Will it dare to go "way out", and break through the confining walls of convention to accept this call to mission? Every local auxiliary has the resources, and the occasions, to counsel young girls regarding jobs worth doing in the cause of the Kingdom. Can we look with compassion, as our Lord did, upon the multitudes with their urgent, desperate needs, and not be moved to guide our most able, most dedicated, young people into this important field of social work?

This would be a thanksgiving project worthy of our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, and of a society dedicated to carrying out His mission in society. If just 5 such young people were recruited this year — though 50 are needed — it would reverberate through the streets of the Secular City and throughout eternity!

The question for Christian young people today is not "how can I keep my soul unspotted from the world", nearly as much as "how can I visit the widows and orphans — the deprived and needy — with healing in my touch? How can I lose myself in thanksgiving to God, in some necessary job that will give some meaning and usefulness to my training, and link me up creatively with God's great purposes in Creation?"

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, and hear us as we pray at this Thanksgiving time:—

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men.

We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen."

PRAYER

by MISS TAMIKO NAKAMURA

Regional Secretary for British Columbia

"O GIVE THANKS unto the Lord; For His mercy endureth forever."

O God, our Heavenly Father, at this Thanksgiving season, when throughout our land the harvest colours proclaim Thy bounty and mercy, we are reminded once again that Thou art the Creator and Redeemer of all that we are, and all that we have; the Giver and Sustainer of all good things. Help us to come before Thee in true humility and thanksgiving.

Father, Thou hast blessed us in this land with more than we deserve, or need. Not only are we free from want of food and shelter, but we are free to work, to study, to worship according to our individual right. We have been granted increasing hours of leisure for the pursuit of private and family recreation; we have been made stewards of vast stretches of land, where our souls can freely roam and explore. Above all, we have been bountifully blessed with Thy living bread, Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

For these, and countless other tokens of Thy love, we thank Thee, O Lord.

As those privileged to live in this land of plenty, we recall, with shame, the many ways in which we sin against Thee, and against our brethren. How often we misuse and waste the gifts of Thy hand! Ingrown in our affluence, we grumble about our share of the wealth, and strive with one another for more, unheeding the cries of our needy neighbours, both here and throughout Thy world. When pressed to give, we do not share freely, but give as if Thy gifts were ours to dole out.

For these, and countless other sins, forgive and cleanse us, O Lord.

At a time when there is want and war, in so many parts of Thy world, wilt Thou, O Lord, who hast chosen us to live in this area of plenty and peace, teach us how to pray for those in need; for the millions who lack adequate food, raiment, and shelter; for countless others who yearn for peace, in body, mind and spirit; for untold numbers, whose cramped souls gasp for breathing space.

Guide us, as citizens of this blessed land, so to accept our responsibilities that, individually and collectively, we may become more Christ-like in all our dealings with other peoples and nations of this needy world. Thou, who hast given so freely to us, teach us, in the Spirit of the Crucified and Risen One, how to give and live without counting the cost.

May Thy people so live, and share, that the name of Jesus Christ might be glorified throughout this land, and across the seas. Amen.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

by MISS MAY NUTT

Assistant in The Adult Department

EACH GROUP MEMBER will have "information to share" if she is a reader of the Glad Tidings. The question often asked, however, is "How can we make use of this interesting and valuable information in our Groups?" Some Groups have made the following suggestions:—

"Our Group used information from the Glad Tidings to supplement programme materials, and also to bring these materials up-to-date. Last year, when we were working on the programme on medical work, we used some of the information from Miss Morrison's article 'A Day in the Clinic Work' in the interview with Miss Tezlo suggested in the study. It was very helpful. Other articles have been used in a similar way in our group. Because the Glad Tidings has such pertinent information, our Programme Committee always has four or five back issues available at planning meetings. One member of the Programme Planning Committee is asked to read the section "Through the Society" and make a list of different ways programmes have been presented in other areas. Then at the planning meeting she mentions these, and sometimes we use, or adapt, one of the ideas that she has found."

"Our Group seeks tc pray intelligently for all areas of our work. One member of our Group is asked to read through the Glad Tidings, listing opportunities and needs which we should include in our prayers. Also, on her list, the member suggests the things for which we should give thanks to God. She then gives her list of prayer suggestions to the Programme Committee, or the person in charge of workshop for the next meeting. We are helped also to focus on other needs through the page entitled 'Your Prayers are Asked'."

"We felt that there were often minutes wasted that could be put to good use at our meetings. A small committee was formed to think of creative ways to use these 'minutes,' with the Glad Tidings as their main resource. Our Group enjoyed the interesting ways the committee helped us learn about various areas of our work. At one meeting we had a poster listing five or six facts about 'The Shimonoseki Project,' and another time a poster about 'Kenora Fellowship House.' At another meeting we had 'news flashes' on staff members — new staff members—staff members on study furlough—staff members engaged in special projects. Each 'flash' was only three or four sentences, and we had four during our meeting. One of our Group members is very good at writing rhymes, so at one meeting we heard information presented in this manner at intervals during the meeting. Each member was then asked to make up a rhyme at tea time. At another meeting, we had a short interview with a 'staff member' about her work. It was only three questions long, but it was surprising how much we found out. Another time, early comers were given questions to answer from a particular Glad Tidings which was provided for their use. During tea the answers were given to the whole group, so all shared their findings."

"Our Group used the two extra meetings we have in a year for two complete programmes, based on the Glad Tidings. For one meeting we used the information on the Estimates in the January Glad Tidings as a basis. We asked each member to bring her January Glad Tidings to the meeting, and prepared a number of questions which could be answered from the Estimates. Each member got busy, and we soon had the answers required. Then the Group was divided up into small groups, with three or four members in each Group. The small groups were asked to decide how they would spend $2,000.00 if they were given this amount for the General Fund. Then each group listed the reasons why it decided to spend the money the way it did. Following the reporting back of each of the groups, all members were allowed to ask questions about the Estimates. These were answered by Group members who had done some extra research. For the other meeting we decided to use the November Glad Tidings as the basis, again asking members to bring this issue which lists all staff members to our meeting. We prepared a number of contests based on the list of names. One contest involved Group members in matching pictures of staff members with the list in the Glad Tidings. After the contests, using back issues of the Glad Tidings for information, we broke up into pairs to prepare interviews about the work of three missionaries from overseas fields, and three who are working in Canada."

We know Society members will find many other ways to share the information they find in the Glad Tidings, not only with Group members, but with other members of the congregation, and with neighbours and friends.

W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRE ALBERT COLLEGE, BELLEVILLE, ONT. JULY 18-22, 1966

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

ON JULY 18, ninety women gathered at Albert College, Belleville, Ontario for four days of study, discussion, and the opportunity to make new friends and renew friendships of former years.

The majority of those attending were from the Synodicals of Montreal and Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston, and Hamilton and London. Miss Christine Shaw, Regional Secretary from the Synod of the Maritimes, and Mrs. Knight from the Synodical of Alberta were welcome participants.

Bible Study was a very basic part of each day's programme. For study, passages from the Acts of the Apostles, and Ephesians, were chosen, the same as will be used in Adult programmes for 1966-67. These passages gave a glimpse of the activities of the Church in the early days of its history. Each morning, as privately and in small discussion groups the passages were thought about and discussed, the joy of the early Christians in their faith, and the Power bestowed upon them, became more evident. The meaning for today, and the relevancy of the passages to the problems which face the Christians of this day, were earnestly and carefully considered.

Afternoons were spent in workshops for those responsible for leadership, when each went to the group dealing with her particular responsibility—Synodical and Presbyterial Officers; Adult Groups; Teenage and Children's groups.

Evening programmes were planned to present information which will be helpful in the study year ahead, when the theme "The Contribution of the Church to the Development of Canada" will be used. On the opening evening the National Film Board film—"Family Tree" was shown, and a get-acquainted period was enlivened by each one making a name tag for herself, demonstrating her national heritage. On Tuesday evening, the subject—"Today's Challenge to the Church of Immigrants Old and New" was presented by Mr. James Buller, Executive Secretary, Ontario Division of the Indian Eskimo Association of Canada, and the Rev. Michael Fesenko of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Following the presentation, small discussion groups considered ways of meeting problems presented, and formulated questions for the speakers. Wednesday evening, the subject —"Today's Challenge to the Church of the Family and Urbanized Society" was presented by Miss Giollo Kelly, Executive Director of National Missions, and Mrs. M. Herrig of "Armagh"; following smaller group discussion, a panel including Miss Kelly, Mrs. Herrig, Miss Margaret Near, of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and Miss Lois Cooke, recently appointed to Tyndale House, Montreal, discussed and answered questions. On Thursday evening, groups, through discussion of specific problems, learned of similar problems around the world to those known in Canada, and endeavoured to consider what the Church is, and should be, doing to meet them. The inter-relationship of Churches on all six continents was particularly noted.

Many contributed to the programme of the Centre. On the opening evening, the presence and welcome from the Rev. A. L. Sutherland of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Belleville, was much appreciated. The kindness of Belleville people in meeting trains and buses, their warm welcome and thoughtfulness, is always much appreciated.

Miss E. L. McClelland, the recently-elected President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., led in the Service of Worship on the opening evening, and closed the 1966 Training Centre at noon on Friday. Each morning, a Service of Worship began the Bible Study periods. These were led by Mrs. P. W. Murray, Miss Olive Grant, and Mrs. A. B. Lane, all members of Council Executive. Mrs. G. Peckover, a member of Council Executive and Chairman of the Organization Committee, gave leadership in the Adult Workshop, and Mrs. E. Heron, Secretary for Girls' Work in the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston, gave leadership in the Teenage Workshop. Staff, other than those already mentioned, who were present and gave leadership were: Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work; Miss Helen Tetley, National Secretary for Teenage Work; Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department; Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston; Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, who has just completed a study furlough; Miss Jean Smith, recently-appointed Regional Secretary; Miss Shirley Dredge, formerly on Staff in Nigeria, and presently studying at the University of Western Ontario, and Miss Louise Reith, Executive Director of Organization.

The days at Belleville were busy days, and the weather was warm. Many enjoyed the use of the swimming pool, and appreciated Mrs. Murray's willingness to supervise swimming at many and various times. It was encouraging to note the young people present; teenagers invited to come to the Teenage group; others, who came as leaders and Church School teachers, to the Children's workshop. The participation of all in Bible Study, and their contribution to discussion, was encouraging and stimulating.

It is hoped that, as all of us return to our responsibilities, we will take with us something of the joy and enthusiasm of the early Christians, about whom we thought during the days at Belleville; that we will know the Power of the Holy Spirit and will follow where He leads, as we endeavour to meet the challenges of God's world today and, in company with fellow-Christians around the world, make known the "Good News" of Jesus Christ.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For Misses Lois Cooke and Ann Drummond, as they take up their appointments to inner city work in Montreal, centred in Tyndale House, that they may be used of God in confronting the people of that area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

—For Mr. and Mrs. Colin Wasacase, as they begin their first school term as Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School in Kenora, and for the many Indian Canadian students, who will make their home at "C.J." during the coming months.

—for all who this Autumn begin new work in new areas—Miss Margaret Boyd in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa; Miss Dorothy Keller and Miss Jean Smith, as they work on special assignments.

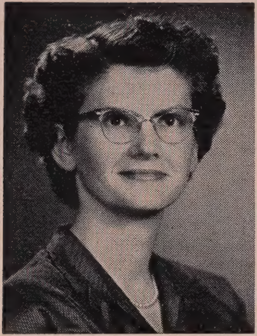
—for all leaders and members of Groups, that, as they come to the season of Thanksgiving, they may be truly conscious of Him, who is the greatest reason for Thanksgiving.

—Pray for the people of Nigeria in these troublesome times. Pray for the Church there, that it might serve the nation and its people, conveying the knowledge of God's love and power. We ask your prayers, too, for each individual Missionary, particularly for those who are known to us, serving in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.

—For Miss Sushila Patras, as she completes her work for a Master of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Western Ontario. Pray that, in these final months, she may be given the wisdom and insight needed to complete theses work. Pray for those who work with her, that they may help to guide her for her job as Director of the Graduate School of Nursing in Indore.

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Frieda Sinclair	Westminster, Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma
Mrs. A. T. MacDonald	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. J. C. Warner	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. John Rutherford	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. R. H. Archibald	Knox, Oakville	Brampton
Mrs. Elizabeth Petch	Claude, Inglewood	Brampton
Mrs. T. W. Martin	St. Andrew's, Brampton	Brampton
Miss Lavina Wiggins (In her 95th year)	St. Andrew's, Brampton	Brampton
Mrs. J. Scott	Tolmie Memorial, Port Elgin	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. Janet C. Metcalfe (A Past President of Alberta Synodical)	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. George (Mina) Foster	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Mrs. Ola Katharine McCormick	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Miss May Chambers	Cooke's, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. A. McMillan	Cooke's, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. H. D. A. Potter	Cooke's, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. D. W. Blakely	First, Pembroke	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Frank Leask	Presbyterian, Wick	Lindsay
Mrs. A. J. Ferguson	St. James, North Yarmouth	London
Miss Mary D. McCredie	Presbyterian, Chippawa	Niagara
Mrs. L. G. Bell (Florence Tanner)	St. Andrew's, Qu'Appelle	Regina
Mrs. Marim Haase	St. Andrew's, Wilkie	Saskatoon
Mrs. John L. Holmes	Knox, Stratford	Stratford
Mrs. Chas. Wagner	Knox, Conn	Saugeen
Mrs. Jessie McPhee	St. Andrew's, Kirkland Lake	Temiskaming
Mrs. William (Sarah Ann) King	Presbyterian, Weston	West Toronto


MISS MARY WHALE

THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

At The
Annual Council Meeting
In Ewart College, Toronto
May 9th - 13th, 1966

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

Executive Director of Overseas Missions, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

(Explanatory note: The Services of Worship were planned around the theme of the 1966 Council and the considerations which were before that council meeting: "That Thy Way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations." The thought was based on The Task we are given; the Tools we have been given for the task in The Structure of the Society; The Individual in that task. The Future—we are called to continue onward and upward in the Service of the Master.)

SERVICE III

PRAYER — Be with us by Thy Spirit, O Lord, that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN — Book of Praise No. 19

PSALM — No. 62—read in unison

SCRIPTURE LESSON — St. Matthew 4: 18-22; 19: 16-22

PRAYER — Our Father God, we lift our hearts to Thee, in praise for the wonders which Thou dost perform for Thy children. For the beauty and the promise of this season we thank Thee. We thank Thee that we can come together, and know that Thou art in the midst. For the knowledge that Thou art with us because of the life, the death and resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord, we humbly offer our thanks.

Forgive us, Lord, that we so easily forget Thy nearness—and attempt to act on our own strength. Forgive us that so often our desires formulate our actions.

Help us in these days to know Thy will for our Society, for each of us.

Be with those who labour in Thy Son's name, at home and abroad. Give to the Church in the world Thy strength and Thy wisdom for this day. Be with the leaders of the nations; we particularly pray for our own land. May those who govern be conscious of their responsibility. Be with us today, that in the meeting of minds and hearts we may serve Thee. Be with our loved ones, where they are, and may it be Thy will to keep each of us for Thy purpose only. We pray in Jesus' name. (The Lord's Prayer)

MEDITATION — We are working, as a Society, to achieve the goal stated in our theme: That God's way may be known, and His saving health among all the nations. We respond to this challenge as a group working together. But we also respond to it as individuals.

In the two passages we read from Matthew's Gospel, we saw two sharply contrasting responses to our Lord's call to service. One group left everything immediately. The rich young man, though he had adhered to the rules of life all his life, could not give himself wholly, because of his possessions.

Where do you identify yourself?

Do we not all have the problem that the rich young ruler had? We want to have eternal life. We want happiness, satisfaction in our lives, the peace of God upon us. We think we achieve these by keeping all the rules. We are faithful in our attendance in Church Services and meetings. We teach in Sunday School. We believe that we achieve eternal life by 'doing'.

Jesus' commandment to sell our possessions is difficult—sometimes too difficult. In our age, possessions form a large part of our lives. Then there is our prestige; our pride—we must have these. To think of putting our commitment to Christ above all these is most difficult. Yet our Lord has made very clear, and history proves, that the Gospel is proclaimed, and the healing of the nations, by those who put Christ and His call before all.

Can we be as the disciples who left all and followed, or are we as the rich young man, who turned sorrowfully away?

As we go to the Council meeting, where important decisions must be made to-day, let us pray that we may give ourselves wholly to the task God has given us.

PRAYER—Sung by Mrs. J. A. Newstead—Canadian Youth Hymnal No. 95—Verses 1, 2 and 4.

"I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be
    A pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me
    Aught of its load.
"For one thing only Lord, dear Lord, I plead:
    Lead me aright,
Though strength should falter, and though heart should bleed,
    Through peace to light.
"I do not ask my cross to understand,
    My way to see;
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand,
    And follow Thee."

HYMN — No. 552 Book of Praise

BENEDICTION — Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you without blemish before the presence of His glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

WHY THEY COME

by the REV. RONALD ROWAT

Director of Immigration, The Presbyterian Church in Canada

A NEW SHINY BLACK MERCEDES BENZ 220 was parked in front of our house, as I returned home. My wife met me at the side entrance, and asked whom I thought we had as a visitor. The license plate was from another Province, and we did have a distant relative living there who had inherited some money. I mentioned her name but my wife answered, "No, it is Hans!"

Hans, as a boy of nineteen or twenty, had come to do some work at our home eight years previously, and my wife had invited him to have lunch with us. He was doing well in English even though he had been in Canada but five months, as he had made it his business to stay away from Germans, and insisted on working for an English company. The day he spent at our home he helped my boy repair his motor bicycle.

Our paths next crossed when we met on a plane flying north to a mining field, six years later. On the plane, he spent most of his time reading art books. Following our meal at the cafeteria in the far north, he came over to my table and asked me if I would care to come to his room and listen to some tapes he had. I readily consented. As we entered his room he felt he had met me before, and immediately we realized that he was the young man who had come to do repairs at our home.

Hans had done well. He had bought himself a small Mercedes, taken it to Germany, and had toured the continent. He had brought his Mother to Canada. He had an excellent position. Yes, Canada had been good to him, but he had been good to Canada. He had to train the Canadians who had no skill along his line. He had learned English, French and Cree Indian, since some of the latter had worked for him. He hunted with them during his vacations, adapted so well to their manner of living and outlook that, when he came to buy a ticket on a commercial airline, they charged him half-fare, thinking he was an Indian!

Why did Hans come to Canada? Having lost his Father, did he and his Mother want to make a new start? The industrial boom of Western Germany had not reached its peak, and financial reasons may have had their part to play. The German, or Dutch, boy coming to Canada today can probably do better financially at home, but a spirit of adventure moves him to see the world, and to work in another country. He may decide to settle down in Canada for good, or he may return after a year or two. The British nurses, secretaries and school teachers have the same outlook —"Let's see the world while we can." In other words, we have not seen the indigent political refugee, nor the government-sponsored immigrant, this past year at our gates.

Many able immigrants from the British Isles see no hope for advancement in the family-owned companies, for which they are working. One young Scottish couple said that youth gang rowdiness made them feel they should leave that part of Scotland in which they were living. Is that land and ours reaping the whirlwind after having sowed to the wind?

Let us return to Hans, who is an exception to the rule that most immigrants are spiritually indifferent. Hans is in a no-man's land spiritually. At home he was youth leader in the camping department of his Church. His Church pennant was hanging on the wall of his small room in the mining town. He did not belong to our denomination, but, as he knew me and my family, he confessed things he would not have said to the average Canadian. His Church had let him down. Shortly after arriving in Montreal, when he was penniless, he had dropped into the rectory of a Church with the same name of his own church back in Germany. A Cleric met him at the door, and coldly told him visiting hours were not on then. Short of carfare, he had to walk miles back to his room. Now, in his new surroundings, he was appalled at the licentiousness of the youth, and at the illegitimate births to young teen-age girls. Providentially, we had a wise Missionary and his wife in the town. They befriended him. He made himself at home in our Manse, and when he left the town he gave many of his possessions to our Church.

Most of the people coming to Canada are not like Hans. They are indifferent to the Church. These young people have not sat in the "Comfortable Pew." Very few people in Great Britain, or on the Continent, attend Church. If we dream of having them come to Church before they are converted, we will dream a long time. All people I have met on the docks, with one exception, are glad to meet me, or anyone who will speak to them, but on learning that I am a Minister, in ninety-five percent of the cases it does not make them any friendlier. Some then call me "Father," and, when they learn I am a Presbyterian Minister, they tell me they are Presbyterian! While one need not be ashamed of his denomination, the denominational approach to ninety-five percent of these people is sure to end in failure. They will respond to the Church which is "able to have compassion on the ignorant and those that are out of the way." A cup of cold water in the name of a disciple will not go without its reward. The miracles of Christ were often followed by the conversion of the healed individual. While we cannot perform miracles, the home Church must realize that "letting our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven" is bound to bear fruit. Unless the Canadian Church can say, "I am among you as one that serveth," she has "lost her savour and will be cast out and trodden under the foot of man."

Yes, many of these people know too much about the Church, its politics, its history, its connection with the State, its subservience to the State and politicians. Christians, however, can demolish much of this opposition by a long distance phone call at the port, a tip about a faster train to Toronto, advice about a company needing his employ, caution against buying things on time, etc. No obstacle can stand in the way of the Church which can say with David, "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up."

(This is the second in a series of three articles by Mr. Rowat)

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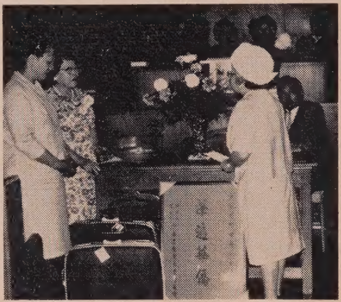
NATIONAL STAFF NEWS

By MISS GIOLLO KELLY, B.A., Executive Director

Two valued members of the National Staff reached their time of retirement on June 30th, **Mrs. G. P. Louie** and **Miss Susan Yeung.**

Mrs. Louie was born and educated in Hong Kong. She came to Victoria in 1921, and assisted in the work among the Chinese people for seven years. She moved to Vancouver, and was dedicated for work among her own people there in 1930, continuing in this ministry until her resignation in 1938. In 1942 Mrs. Louie returned, to serve on the National Staff in Montreal. She continued to work zealously among the women and children in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Montreal, until her retirement at the end of June. Her many friends took this occasion to honour Mrs. Louie through various social functions. A special farewell service was conducted in the Chinese Church, on June 19th, at which time she was presented with a scroll, a set of luggage, and a cheque from the congregation. Presentations also were made to her at the closing exercises of the Kindergarten and Chinese School, and a


National Presentation to Mrs. Louie.

Banquet in her honour was held in Chinatown on June 22nd. The Society is grateful for the thirty years of service which Mrs. Louie has rendered, and trust that she may enjoy many years of happy retirement.

Miss Yeung was born in China, where she attended the Chang Kwmg Girls' Seminary, and Canton Provincial Normal School, graduating as a Kindergarten teacher. She was a member of the Public School staff at Ling Nam University, Canton, for nine years, serving later on the teaching staff of St. Stephen's Girls' College in Hong Kong. Miss Yeung became a member of our National Staff in 1940, and served faithfully from that time, till her retirement, in our Chinese Church in Vancouver, bringing to the work there her gifts as a Christian teacher. She was presented with her 25-year pin at the Council meeting in May of 1965. A special service in honour of her retirement was held in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, on June 3rd, at which time many of her friends gathered to pay tribute to her. Greetings were brought from the Presbytery by the Rev. W. Perry, Missions Convener, and from the W.M.S. (W.D.) by Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, Synodical President. Presentations were made from the congregation, the Pui Tak Chinese School, and the Senior High Fellowship. For her twenty-six years of service as a member of our National Staff, we say a sincere "thank you" and trust that she will enjoy a long and happy retirement.

Miss Yeung, cutting cake at Reception in honour of her retirement.

It was with regret that Council Executive accepted the resignations of **Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Robinson** as Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, effective July 31st. After a number of years in the business world in Brantford, Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson joined our National staff in 1958, and, since that time, have given unstintingly of themselves in their ministry among the Indian-Canadian children. While they have severed their relationship with the Society, we are delighted that they will continue to serve within the Church. Mr. Robinson has been appointed Director of the Kenora Fellowship Centre as of August 1st. It is our prayer that God will richly bless them, and that they will have much joy in this new phase of their Christian service.

Mr. S. T. Robinson

Mrs. S. T. Robinson

We are very happy to welcome as successors to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, **Mr. and Mrs. Colin Wasacase.** Mr. Wasacase is a graduate of the Birtle Indian Residential School, and comes on our staff with a variety of experience which will be of assistance to him in his new position. He has served as boys' supervisor for a total of two years at Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Schools. He also has served two summer appointments under the General Board of Missions on the Birdtail and Shoal Lake Reserves. Following graduation from Teachers' College, Winnipeg, Mr. Wasacase taught for two and a half years in Norway House Indian Residential School. For the past eighteen

Mr. Wasacase

Mrs. Wasacase

months, he has been employed as Vacation Counsellor by the Indian Affairs Branch in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Wasacase, who is of Scottish origin, is a native of Winnipeg, where she received her education. In response to an appeal made by Mr. Robinson in her home church of St. John's, Winnipeg, for staff for the Cecilia Jeffrey School, she offered herself for this work and served as girls' supervisor for four years, until her marriage in 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Wasacase are members of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, where they both have been active in many phases of the congregational life, Mr. Wasacase serving as Superintendent of the Church School. They have two daughters, Karen Joy and Sheila Dawn. Mr. and Mrs. Wasacase took up their new duties on August 1st. We know that the thoughts and prayers of the Society's membership will be with them, as they undertake this challenging task.

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Sharing in Canadian Missions

OVERSEAS MISSIONS AT HOME

by the REV. JAMES KO

Missionary to the Chinese Canadians in Windsor

THE HISTORY of the Chinese community in Windsor, as well as in other cities of Canada, can be traced back, with distinctive record, to 1918, when the First World War ended and most of the Chinese immigrants tended to settle down. There was always the language problem and a lack of mutual understanding, plus a different concept of living, owing to the Chinese philosophy, and the environment in which they were brought up. They fought a real hard fight to gain a footing in this land. Only the Church Ministers, the devoted Christians, and the policemen, were their intimate friends, as is still recalled by the "old-timers" today. Whenever they met social and legal problems over the years, the Ministers came to help and to comfort them. The devoted Christians taught them the English language, and the policemen protected them. Thus the local Church started a very close relationship with the Chinese community in Windsor, which has continued for half a century.

Baptism of seven members of Windsor's Chinese Community in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Rev. James Ko officiating.

Between the years 1932 to 1940, many Chinese went back to China, owing to the depression in Canada. But soon the Chinese-Japanese war broke out, and many returned to Canada to avoid the disaster. At present, there are about seven hundred Canadian Chinese in Windsor, of which about one-quarter are local born, under the age of 20. This group is the new generation which is on the way to lead a Canadian life. It is no difficulty for them to join the English-speaking congregation. They are the new blood for Canada, to help build a strong and prosperous nation of tomorrow.

The most difficult group to whom to preach the Gospel is the middle-aged one, especially those who have come from China since 1955. They have the least idea of what the Church is, or who Jesus Christ is, and the terms from the Bible sound completely strange to them. They are, of course, amazed to see that there are so many Churches in this country. They are more puzzled, when someone tries to explain to them which is a Roman Catholic Church, which is Greek Orthodox, or which is Protestant. Even in preaching the simple Gospel to them, one should take the precaution of not changing them from one form of taboo to another. To alter one's old conception of God, and divine beings, with haste, may result in confusion. Only faith, and the good examples of a Christian life, make the distinction.

It sounds simple, but it needs the basic factors to start the Missionary work, from scratch, among a minority ethnic group, in a growing city like Windsor. The first step is to establish friendship with the local individual families. The technique is to visit them one by one. Appointments must be made before action, since most men and women are working in restaurants and factories. It is an advantage for a Missionary to be able to speak their own language, and so make closer contact with them. But, in fact, causing uneasy legs to move towards the Church to attend Sunday service is another step. This really needs patience, and sometimes one has to apply by assembling people in social activities, like inviting them to tea-parties on special occasions, showing Chinese movies once a month, and sponsoring picnics during the summer holidays. By doing this, the Chinese community begins to understand the goodwill of the Church. People gradually come to attend the Sunday Worship Service because they want to know more about the work and function of the Church.

As we look back on Church history, the work of the Church was not only to preach, but also to teach. The Missionary work in Windsor has grasped hold of the opportunity to start a Presbyterian Chinese Language School, to satisfy the passion of most parents of the Chinese families. They have a strong desire that their children should learn something about their original tongue and culture. The Presbyterian Chinese Language School came into being in July 1965. A charge of five dollars a month for

Andrew Ng and Faye Tan Jean, two students of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Chinese Language School, in Windsor.

each student is required, to maintain the expense of hiring the assistant teachers and paying for the stationery, text-books and exercise books. This is another step in approaching the Chinese community. So far, there are an average of sixty students in July and August, in the Chinese Language School. They are divided into four classes, according to their age and knowledge of Chinese. We had an average of thirty students each month during the past months, October 1965 to June 1966. The Chinese Language School is indeed very grateful to the Rev. William Lawson, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Windsor, and also to the Board of Managers of St. Andrew's Church, for allowing us free use of the class rooms in the Church. We are also very thankful to the Senior Auxiliary W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, and other W.M.S. groups within the bounds of the Presbytery of Chatham, who were so thoughtful in helping with the school's expenses during last Christmas. In addition we have been happy to have Mrs. James Hamilton, the Church Secretary of St. Andrew's, as the Honorary Treasurer of the Chinese Language School, since the work first started. The School is expecting to have more students in the coming Fall.

Since there are still so many shy Church-goers, so reluctant to attend the service, the only method is by sending a bi-weekly bulletin regularly to every family. In it, they can find the Gospel message, the story of the life and work of Jesus Christ; the monthly financial report of the congregation and the language school; the simple catechism of the Church for beginners; the report of the activities in the church; and news about the other Presbyterian Chinese Churches in Canada. As this bulletin is printed in Chinese, the approach has resulted in good effects.

The present Chinese congregation has a regular average attendance of forty persons each Sunday. Ten adults were baptized in recent months. A few more will be baptized in the coming fall. The weekly offering is rather small at the present moment, and yet we are able to buy new Bibles, and pay for the expense of stencils, ink, postage, etc.

It is definitely sure that the Chinese congregation in Windsor is not going to build its own Church. Part of the Missionary work is to encourage the young generation to participate in the English-speaking congregation. Though the Chinese congregation is growing, and the membership is increasing, it is wise to go along with the well-established St. Andrew's Presbtyerian Church as one of her departments, namely the Chinese Department. For the main purpose of the Chinese Missionary work in Windsor, at this moment, is not to run a separate and self-content group, but to try our best to help people to change and repent, that God's will and His salvation may be manifested, with man's response and good deeds as a valuable witness.

NEWS OF STAFF AND EVENTS ABROAD

By Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A.,

Executive Director.

JHANSI

At the time we are writing this —mid August—we have just received the copies of the thesis written by **Miss Diana Wadsworth** for her Master of Science degree, at the University of Toronto. The title of this work, "Some Effects of Crowding in Drosophila Melanogaster" may not mean much to us, who are definitely lay people in the field of Biology. However, it means a year of very hard work for Miss Wadsworth; a year in which she completed not only her thesis but the required course work for her Master's degree. She was informed, on leaving Toronto, that she had satisfactorily completed her work, and that the degree would be conferred at the fall convocation.

You may wonder at the meaning of the title of this thesis, as I did, but it is one contribution toward many that India seeks, in attempting to find solutions to its many problems. This thesis deals with the effect of crowding on heredity, and one can realize its importance on the kind of life lived in a crowded country such as India.

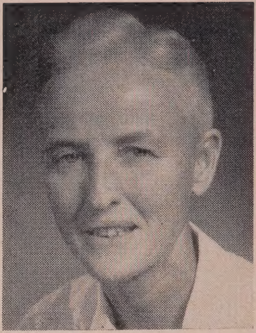
Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E.

Miss Wadsworth has made this contribution to the scientific thinking, as part of a degree which is a requirement for the task she has at the Helen MacDonald School in Jhansi. There she, with Miss Magee, Miss Leask, and Miss Knott, will continue to give leadership, as the Helen MacDonald School increasingly makes its contribution to Indian education, particularly in the field of Science.

During the past six weeks **Miss Margaret Leask** has been working at two units toward her Master's degree in Education. These two units will complete the degree which was started when Miss Leask was on furlough several years ago. You will remember that, at the moment, Miss Leask is on leave-of-absence because of her mother's illness. The timing of her return to India, and to the Helen MacDonald School, is not known, but she too has made a very strong contribution by adding to her qualifications her Master's degree.

Miss Leask has been the one who has established the teaching of Science in the Helen MacDonald School. A Gold Medalist in Physics in her under-graduate work, she has developed that phase of scientific work in the school, while Miss Wadsworth has supplemented this with her work in Biology. Added to this is the third science which is a strong part of the curriculum of the school; namely, Home Science. **Miss Eleanor Knott** is giving leadership in this particular area. She too is qualified with a Master of Arts degree which she wrote in the field of Household Science.

Miss Margaret Leask,
B.A., B.ED., M.R.E.



Miss Mary Sherrick,
B.A., B.ED.

While we are proud of the accomplishments of all four members of our Canadian staff in Jhansi, and of the contribution of the Indian staff under Miss S. K. Singh, M.A., we are aware that the real spirit of the school does not rely on academic degrees, but on the dedication which each one, Indian and Canadian, gives to the service of the students in the Helen MacDonald School.

THE BHIL FIELD

By the time you read this magazine **Miss Mary Sherrick** will have returned from her very brief furlough in Canada, to resume, once again, the responsible tasks which have been thrust upon her by both the General Board of Missions and the Women's Missionary Society. Miss Sherrick now serves as Treasurer for the funds that go from Canada to the Bhil field. In addition, she is Acting Administrator of Jobat Hospital. It has been with very great thankfulness that we have realized the contribution that Miss Sherrick has made, through her work as Administrator in the Hospital, and throughout the field. In this past year Jobat Hospital has served a very wide community in a most admirable way. We are thankful too for the leadership of Dr. Sunderlàl Daniel, and the whole staff of the Hospital. They have come through very critical days. These past months of famine conditions have meant added work and responsibility for Jobat Hospital.

MID-INDIA BOARD GRADUATE SCHOOL, INDORE

Miss Sushila Patras, who has been studying in Canada under the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Scholarship, has begun her thesis for her Master of Science degree in Nursing. She has completed the major part of her course work at the University of Western Ontario, and it is expected that her work will be completed in the spring of 1967. Plans are for her to return to Indore, and to assume the position to which she has been appointed; namely Assistant Director of the Graduate School of Nursing.

The Bhil Mission Council has recently consented to **Miss Pauline Brown's** appointment for four months as Lecturer in the Graduate School of Nursing, Indore. Miss Brown will again be leaving the mobile unit work on the Bhil field for a short period of time, to contribute to the work in Indore.

Miss Patras

GUYANA

Miss Athalie Read left Canada for Guyana on August 15th. She returns to continue in the field of Adult Education. Miss Read's appointment has been made by Presbytery for leadership in the Essequibo area. As we are writing this, there is some discussion about the center of Miss Read's work. It may be that she will find her housing arrangements to be moved from the Essequibo Coast. If the plans under discussion work out, it may mean some fresh emphasis in the leadership that Miss Read will give

Miss Athalie Read

to the Essequibo Parish, in particular, and to the work in Guyana as a whole.

NIGERIA

Many will have heard of the troublous times which the Nigerian people are having. Some have expressed their concern for the welfare of our people there. Recent correspondence from **Miss Agnes Gollan, Miss Dorothy Bulmer** and **Miss Elsie Taylor** does not mention any problem, so we assume that the work of the Nigerian Presbyterian Church is continuing without undue disruption.

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SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED!

We learned with regret in July of the death of Mrs. J. Scott of Port Elgin, Ontario. Mrs. Scott was the mother of Miss Beatrice Scott who has been serving on the Bhil Field in India for the past 25 years. Miss Scott is at present stationed in Amkhut, M.P., via Dohad, India. The sympathy of the Society is extended to Miss Beatrice Scott and her sister Miss Jean Scott and to her brothers, Mr. Robert Scott and Mr. Fraser Scott.

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A NEW PEOPLE'S LIFE OF JESUS

By William Barclay

Dr. Barclay is well-known and honoured as the Professor of New Testament in the University of Glasgow, Scotland, an able and brilliant writer, and the Author of many books. This small volume of six Chapters is a paper-back edition of his series of six talks on "The Life of Jesus", which were given over B.B.C. Television in Scotland, during Lent of 1965. It is evident at once that these lectures are based on great knowledge, but Dr. Barclay, in his wise judgement, has given us here his talks in almost exactly the form and language in which he gave them "on the air". In his preface, he tells us — "My intention, all through these talks, was to speak, not to the scholar and the theologian, who, in any event know it all already, not even to those within the Church, to whom the story is familiar, but, rather, to try to speak to the ordinary person, and to the person outside the Church —to present them, not with a study in theology, but with the picture of a real and living person—Jesus".

This he has succeeded in doing, with tremendous and touching effect. In these six Chapters, he has given the whole panorama of the unfolding drama of the life of Jesus—"Preparation; Conflict; Recognition; Tragedy; Triumph; the continuing life of Jesus in His Church". These are the master themes; and together they present the wondrous drama as a whole—and also what Christ's Church *is* — and what it stands for, today and always.

Price, Paper — $1.10

CRUSADE AGAINST HUNGER

By J. W. Moomaw

Here is a most interesting book—the first one written about the work of Agricultural Missions, Inc., which is a division of the work of The World Council of Churches, and which is becoming of greater value and importance every day, as it carries help and instruction into so many of the so-called depressed countries of the world and seeks, by the most practical methods and means, to teach people "how to help themselves". All Churches are participating in this most needful and far-reaching undertaking—including our own. The Author wrote this book from his long observation of the methods and materials used in so many different fields, and among so many different peoples, by the practical and dedicated men and women, who are serving God as Agricultural Missionaries under the Boards of many Christian Churches.

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TIME OUT, LADIES!

By Dale Evans Rogers

The names of Roy Rogers and his lovely wife, Dale Evans Rogers, are familiar to thousands of T.V. and Radio viewers, but they have even more endeared themselves, to all who know anything at all about them, because of the sincere Christian lives they lead, and the profound influence those lives had had upon all who come in contact with them in any way.

Five children were adopted into their hearts and home, to make a joyous family of nine little ones—three of whom were called away from them by death. "Angel Unaware", the heart-gripping story of Robin, their tragically handicapped baby daughter, has brought understanding and courage to families of handicapped children throughout the world; "Dearest Debbie", records the joyous years when Korean war-orphan Debbie was one of the happy Rogers family, and how, after her tragic death, Dale and Roy won their victory over heartbreak and loss. The books written by Dale Evans Rogers have brought comfort, uplift and renewed hope to thousands of readers everywhere.

"Time Out, Ladies!", her latest book, carries on this fine reputation and appeal. It is just as though, over a friendly cup of tea or coffee in the midst of a busy day, Dale Rogers sits down with her friends for a relaxed and informative chat about the many different kinds of things that fill the lives of women — children and their bringing-up; growing older; personal devotional life; prayer; sin; the Church, so many other things which normally interest women, and often come within their province for decision. Here are some of the Chapters — "Women!; Marriage; The Christian Wife; Children; Day In and Day Out; What Is A Boy — A Girl?; Prayer; About Clothes and Growing Gracefully; Race; Gossip; Church; Life; Questions about Sin; The Bible."

Of course Dale Rogers does not have the answers to all of these—she speaks always only from her own extensive experience as a Christian wife and mother — one who practices what she believes, and witnesses to her faith in all her ways. She has received many honours and citations as an outstanding woman of conscience and Christian ideals — among them she was, named Churchwoman of the Year, in 1964, by Religious Heritage;

was chosen Woman of the Year, by International Orphans, Incorp.; has received the Robin Award for Service to Children; and was selected by Texan Newsmen as '1966 Texan of the Year!' You will really enjoy, and find much help and good sound common sense, in this book.—Price $3.25

BEHIND THE CLOUDS — LIGHT!
Meditations for the Sick
By L. H. Mayfield

I feel that this small volume of 63 pages, really has a worth-while something to say to anyone who is facing any of the crises which do arrive at some time in most human lives—whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. The Author Rev. L. H. Mayfield, has been for some years the Chaplain at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, where in his daily visitations, he encountered many challenging and different experiences, from which he learned that, above all, what sick or troubled people needed most was "the hope of better things to come; courage and a more confident outlook on life; to realize that light could be found behind dark clouds; they needed someone to bring them hope, faith, confidence and friendship". These 27 Meditations are the result of these realizations. They are brief and sincere; really good reading; the book is attractively produced; and each message contains a gem of thought from the Word of God, which lifts the heart, and is indeed the Light beyond the clouds. A splendid little gift to take to someone needing help and cheer. — Price $1.65.

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A CHURCH FOR THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

(This article is Part I of a two-part series on the Church in the 20th Century, as seen by twentieth century people. The Teen Bible Class of St. James Presbyterian Church, in Toronto, were asked to share their thinking on this topic because it has been a lively issue with them, as a result of their study on the theme "The Church" in last year's curriculum. Their Minister and teacher, Rev. A. C. G. Muir, will write Part II to be printed next month.

These articles are a report of a dialogue which is taking place in St. James Presbyterian Church. They are printed in order to encourage you to begin to think about your congregation in the 20th century. Perhaps this dialogue could begin between the women and teenage girls in your congregation.)

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WE, THE TEENAGERS of St. James Presbyterian Church in the east end of Toronto, were asked, "Have you any concern for the Church, and is it worth keeping the institution going?" Our unanimous answer is "yes". We feel, however, that the Church will have to make changes in its life, if it expects to survive the space age and the ages to follow. If the Presbyterian Church is a reforming church, why are we not reforming and changing?

The next question is "What kind of changes?" To begin with, we would like to see some changes in the Sunday morning Service of Worship. Instead of getting up in the pulpit on Sunday with memorized speeches containing numerous Bible quotations, the Minister should speak straight from the shoulder. He should not try to please people but to move them. His sermons should be related to the lives of the congregation, to the issues of the world in which we live. We Teens wonder if Ministers really believe, or understand, half of what they preach each Sunday. Their words don't seem to convince us.

In order to better understand what is being said in the Service of Worship, we would like to see the modern translations of the Bible used in worship, rather than the King James translation. We find this old translation very difficult to follow and to understand, yet it is the one found in all the pews and pulpits. The Bible, being the Word of God, should be in a language understood by all, regardless of age or education. If people were able to understand what they read in Church, they might be encouraged to use their Bibles as a guide to daily living, and not as a dust collector, or a means of impressing the Minister if, and when, he comes to call.

We need a new Hymn Book! There are many good old hymns which would be kept and sung. However, many of the hymns we sing, Sunday after Sunday, have no meaning for people of the 20th Century. They were written for and by people of another era. The music is usually slow and dragging, the verses contain meaningless phrases. We would like to sing hymns with words and tunes that are a part of our life today.

A second area for reform is in the life of the Christian community—the life of the people of the church. A person who professes to be a Christian should be one all year round, and not just on Sundays. We all need to take much more seriously the command of God "to love our neighbours as ourselves." The Church does help people in need, such as giving food, clothing, money, and spiritual guidance. But much more needs to be done, and we *all* need to be involved, not just a few people. Christianity only becomes meaningful to us when we can see the Church in action, doing something for others. Most Church people don't want to do more than talk about it.

The home is a part of the Christian community, and the one part with which we Teens are most familiar. We are concerned for the breakdown within the family relationships, and especially between our parents and ourselves. Many of our parents are not active in the life of the Church. This does not help us to understand why we should participate in the Church's life, attend Church School, Youth Groups and Services of Worship. We would like our parents to take some active part in the Christian community, no matter how small that part may be. We want them to share with us in worship and in action. To practice what they tell us to do.

As Teens we have a concern for the use of the Church building, which we feel should be used for other activities beside Sunday morning worship. In many communities, there is a need for a Youth Centre—a place where Teens may go for fun, to meet other Teens and understanding adults. Teens who have no other contact with the Church will often find that the Church people at a dance in a Youth Centre are real people, and become interested in knowing more about them and their Church. The Church building should not be used for only "churchy" affairs.

Our Church building is small. We like it this way, as it gives us a closer personal association with one another, and with God. Perhaps Church buildings should be built small, and congregations not become too big and impersonal.

One of the biggest areas for change in the Church of the 20th Century, is in the relationships between people in the Church, especially between youth and adults. Both these groups have ideas about the Church, about the changes needed in its life. We have expressed some of our ideas here. In our congregation, we have been able to share, and to listen a bit to one another. Rather than allowing distrust to grow, we need to continue to listen to one another, to give and take a little, as changes are made. We are all the Church of today but if we, the Teens, are not allowed to share in the life of the Church, many of us will not be *in* the Church, to take responsibility in the future. Many of our generation have already left, because they have not found the Church relevant to life today. Can we make it so? Are you adults willing to work with us?

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Boys and Girls!

THE MAGIC SUITCASE

IN A SMALL VILLAGE in Thailand there lived a little girl named Malu. As long as Malu could remember she had wanted a playmate. Malu's father had made her a doll woven from palm leaves, but it didn't take the place of the real live doll she wanted, that could grow up and be her very own playmate.

Twice Malu had almost got her real live doll. Twice a kind nurse had been to her home. Malu had heard the cry of a baby both times. But after several days the baby didn't cry any more. Then Malu knew the baby had died. She knew it would not grow up to be her playmate.

Malu might have had to be content with the palm leaf make-believe baby all her life, if it hadn't been for the Magic Suitcase.

It was the Spring of the year, when Malu first saw the Magic Suitcase. It was bright and shiny, and it was strapped to the handlebars of a bicycle. It sparkled like silver in the sunshine, and on its side were strange letters. They spelled—U-N-I-C-E-F.

To Malu's great surprise, a woman in white steered the bicycle straight to the place where Malu sat, in the shade of a tree.

"Malu, my child, do you not know me?" asked the Nurse.

Finally, Malu nodded. "You are the Nurse who has twice been to my house. You look different — your hair is fresh, and you smell so sweet and clean." And then Malu began to cry.

"Forget the past, Malu," said the Nurse. "Since last I visited your house I have learned many things. In the city of Chiengmai, in the house of UNICEF, I have learned how to help mothers bring healthy babies into the world—babies that live and grow stronger with the passing of the days. There are wonders inside this Suitcase marked UNICEF!"

The woman sounded so wise that Malu stopped crying. "When will you use the Suitcase in my house?" asked Malu.

"You will soon see," said the Nurse. Then she picked up the Suitcase and entered the thatched roof house.

Malu peeked through the door, and saw the woman take from the Suitcase many things. First she took out a very white sheet, which she spread over her mother's bed on the dirt floor. When she saw Malu peeking she shooed her from the house.

"You will not lose this baby, little Mother," said the Nurse. "I was ignorant before, but now I have been trained at the UNICEF house."

"What is UNICEF?" asked the mother.

"It is the United Nations Children's Fund, which helps Mothers and children in many lands. This UNICEF gave me this Suitcase, and all that is in it, so that I might aid you to have a fine baby."

"If you can help my baby to live," answered the Mother, "you will bring great happiness to this house."

"Fear not little Mother," answered the Nurse, "all will be well."

Malu did not hear these words. Outside the thatched cottage, near the sheltering palm tree, Malu slept. It was too bad Malu was asleep, because in the next hour, the Nurse took many things from the Magic Suitcase. When at last the baby arrived, the woman took from the Suitcase a small spring scale, to weigh the little one.

It was at that moment that the baby cried. Its cries awakened Malu, and she ran into the house. There it was! Not a make-believe baby woven from palm leaves, but a real live baby, kicking and cooing, and crying.

"Here is your playmate, Malu," said the Nurse, "a little brother for you."

"Thank you," whispered Malu as she looked down at the baby.

"Don't thank me," answered the Nurse. "It is the people of many countries, who give money to UNICEF, that have given you a playmate who will live. They have made possible the Magic Suitcase, and all that is in it."

And now, if you were to visit in Malu's village, you would find a little girl named Malu, sailing toy boats and riding the back of the water buffalo. But always by her side is her very own playmate—the little brother who lived because of a Magic Suitcase.

(*Adapted from a true story of UNICEF help, by Ruth Barth*)

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TAKE MY BIT OF SINGING!

If any little word of mine can make a heart the lighter,
If any little song of mine can make a heart the brighter,
God help me speak that little word, and take my bit of singing,
And drop them in some lonely heart, to set its echoes ringing.

(By David Hope)

CAMP TIME — A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!

by (Mrs. S. J.) GRACE HENDERSON, REGINA, SASK.

How did you spend your holiday this past summer? Relaxing at the beach—a motor trip—or camping? Maybe you were a Leader, or a Camper at a Church Camp? Perhaps you have been teaching in a Church School—working with the C.G.I.T. or Explorers Groups—well, I can tell you, from my happy ten days at Camp Kum Ba Yah, about sixty miles N.W. of Regina, where I was asked to be a Director for the Junior Girls Camp this year, that camping is a totally different experience, and a truly wonderful and rewarding one! Have you missed out on this? Just a week or ten days of getting away from everyday happenings, out in the outdoors—living, working, playing, eating, worshipping together with a group of children—just one happy family—this is an experience not to be missed, if ever the opportunity comes your way!

Camp Kum Ba Yah is beautifully situated on Buffalo Round Lake in Saskatchewan, but of course there are many other Church Camps, equally worth-while and beautiful, scattered all throughout our Canada, and the experience could be just as wonderful in any one of them. Miss Dorothy Brown, our Student Deaconess, and myself, not having had much experience in camping, started out with some misgivings, but we did have a real interest in children, and we were willing to try, so we set out. How fortunate we were to have able Counsellors, who accepted responsibility and carried out their assignments perfectly, without any prodding or checking! What a help this was! Then there were the two amiable cooks, who served such excellent meals; a Life Guard and Recreation Director, who looked after the safety of our Camp Family in the water, and directed their games; the Crafts and Music Director; and a Nurse, always ready to relieve hurts and pains. Everyone worked together in every way—and this is so very necessary to achieve a happy and successful Camp!

Always, we received help for our daily tasks from our Heavenly Father, as we are told in Matthew 7—verse 7—"Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find." We felt very close to our Heavenly Father in those days of living beside the waters, and among the trees, flowers, birds, and shy wild things, knowing that God had created all of these, even as He had created all of us, and that His loving care was over all of His creation. It made us very humble. After our usual Campfire, the singing, skits, and fun, and after our bedtime snack of hot cocoa and a cookie, out in the stillness of the night, then, as we went to our tents to sleep, the stars seemed so bright, so close in all their glory—so reassuring!

"All people are created equal," so we say, but that does not mean that all people are alike. We have differences of colour, and in many other ways. All were of one colour in our Camp this year, but definitely not all were alike—far from it. Each was a little individual, different in some way from the others. This is what makes working with children so interesting—so challenging. Often a bit frustrating, too, when we must learn to understand each one, individually—not just the whole group! Camp time can certainly be a wonderful experience, as we all join together in enjoying and giving thanks for God's beautiful world.

Well—camping is all over for this year, but another year will soon be upon us, and planning goes on without ceasing. If you are approached for Camp Leadership in the year ahead, please do not turn a deaf ear. Make your decision with a lot of real thought and prayer. Be selfish in a *new* way! Think of yourself, too. Be anxious and willing to participate in the real *adventure,* and in so doing, help others too. Go Camping, if you can—with God!

(*Mrs. Henderson is the Superintendent of the Church School at First Presbyterian Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, and First Vice-President of Regina Presbyterial*)

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QUEEN SALOTE — and THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER!

"AS WE JOIN IN a golden chain of prayer, with voices that have sounded through the centuries, may the prayers and witness of the women of the world help to usher in God's new day for all people." That is the beginning of the Order of Service for the Women's World Day of Prayer, in which we shall all be joining on Friday, February 10th, 1967. The Service for this year was written by the late Queen Salote, of Tonga, and the Theme which Queen Salote chose is from St. Luke's Gospel — "And of His kingdom there shall be no end."

Queen Salote

Queen Salote Tupou, of the Tonga Islands, was a truly remarkable woman, who ruled her Island kingdom for 47 years — the only country in the Pacific to remain an independent kingdom after the 19th Century. She was a strong and devoted Christian, an active Methodist, and, since its first inception, the Women's World Day of Prayer movement was very dear to her heart. Dearly beloved by all her people, Queen Salote, since her eighteenth year, had ruled, with Christian wisdom and understanding, over her kingdom of 150 tiny islands, and from its beginning had felt deeply the need and importance of this World Day of Prayer.

The Service in which we shall all participate this year, was written by Queen Salote just before her death in New Zealand, and her strong Christian faith, and sense of the eternal, are deeply reflected in this Service. Each year, the very first Service of the World Day of Prayer is held at dawn, in Queen Salote's Girls' College in Tonga, from where it progresses all over the world, from dawn in Tonga, to darkness on the other side of the world. Always, Queen Salote had taken a tremendous interest in that Service. As soon as she received a copy of the Order of Service which was to be used for translation, the Queen would call together those women who would be taking responsibility of the Services in various parts of the islands, and, painstakingly, she would go over the Service with them, making sure that nothing was ever left to chance, but that each Service would be conducted with smoothness and efficiency. She, herself, always attended the central Service on her island of Tonga, and usually she was the Leader of that Service. She had always been a great inspiration to the women of her island-kingdom, and it was truly because of her dedication and strong belief in this Women's World Day of Prayer that the Day of Prayer has grown and strengthened each year in the Pacific Islands.

Her own belief in the power of prayer was paramount, and reflected itself in every angle of her remarkable life. Just before leaving her beloved islands for the last time, Queen Salote asked for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and having received it, she told the President of the Free Wesleyan Church there that she had no fear of leaving family and country, no fear or doubt. "In this journey through the dread valley," she said, "I know my Lord is there, and I testify with certainty that my life is firmly fixed in Him." The gracious, Christian life of this saintly-like Queen will be sadly missed, but her influence will live on, and especially all over the world this year, as thousands of prayerful women in all lands will be following the Order of Service which her fine mind prepared. Once again, many hearts will have cause to thank God for her life, as women of all colours, creeds, and race, in more than 150 countries, 60 languages, and a thousand dialects, gather in various places of worship to pray together, and to consider the chosen theme.

"It was an ancient custom of Tonga to herald the breaking of the new day by the sounding of the nose flute from the palace of the King. The clear notes told both King and people that a new day had come. This custom has been discontinued, but it is revived on special occasions, as when Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Tonga in 1953. The sound of this unique flute is now used as the call sign of the Tonga Broadcasting Station. It is heard each morning at seven o'clock, followed by the words 'This is the call of the Friendly Islands'!" They will always mean just that to Christian hearts, and very specially so because of their good Queen Salote, the fine Christian women who for so many years led her people well, and who this year, although on earth her voice is heard no more, will lead her Christian sisters around the world, as they bow together before God's Throne of Grace in united prayer, on Friday, February 10th, 1967—perhaps the greatest unifying force among Christian Women anywhere.

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(Young Women's Secretary, Council Executive, 1938 and used in October Issue of "The Glad Tidings"—1938)

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"O matchless honour, all unsought
High privilege, surpassing thought,
That Thou shouldst call me, Lord, to be
Linked in a fellowship with Thee —
To carry out Thy wondrous plan,
To hear Thy messages to man;
In trust, with Christ's own word of grace,
To every soul of human race!"

HYMN 390—"O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling"

SCRIPTURE READING — St. Matt. 2-1 and 2; St. Luke 8-1; St. Matt., 28-18-20

LEADER — While Jesus' earthly ministry was limited to the little land of Palestine, yet it had the note of universality in it, from beginning to end. Wise men from a far country came to worship at His cradle. His chosen name for Himself was the Son of Man, thus claiming kinship with the whole human race. The things that He used to explain His mission were—

bread, water, light, the way, the truth, the life—things needful, and common to all mankind. And His last charge to His followers was that they should go into **all** the world.

Let us, in a moment of silence, pray —
For those who have not yet heard the Gospel;
For the great pagan areas in the heart of Christendom;
For the elimination of racial contempt and prejudice.
(Silent Prayer)

Let us pray:—
Let us pray for God's blessing on our Meeting —

O God, Lord of all truth and only source of light, guide Thou our footsteps and illumine our path. Grant that, as we learn more of Thy wonder, so may we show forth more of Thy love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

HYMN 568 — "Lord of light, whose name outshineth"

"MY FIELD IS THE WORLD" — Brief talks on our W.M.S. work, National and Overseas, to be given in the form of a "Round The World Broadcast"; one member giving a brief talk on "Missions In The World Today", to complete the topic.

THE CHALLENGE — An appeal for renewals, and new subscriptions, to be given by the Glad Tidings Secretary. (Place a copy of "The Glad Tidings" in the centre of your table—on either side of it a small globe of the world. Extending from globe to globe have a banner, reading—"My Field is the World". Pictures of our Missionaries and our Mission Fields, cut from the magazine, should be placed around the room, and sample copies of "The Glad Tidings" should be given to every non-subscriber who is present at the meeting)

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"THE GLAD TIDINGS" — A story about the various Departments of the Society's work; making use of the lists of names of Officers; the latest up-to-date news about our work, as told in the magazine; a brief synopsis of a leading article; suggestions culled from Synodical News, "Through The Society". All these interesting "echoes" may be presented from copies of "The Glad Tidings", by various members, each leading in a brief prayer for the Department for which she speaks.

HYMN 373 — "Christ for the world, we sing"

OFFERING, AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN 381 — "Zion's King shall reign victorious".

CLOSING PRAYER — "God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth; and Thy saving grace among all Nations." Amen

(Our attention was drawn to this splendid Service of Worship, by Mrs. J. R. Waldie, wife of the Minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Toronto. Not only is it a beautiful Service, and well worth repeating in our October Magazine of 1966 — twenty-eight years after it first appeared in "The Glad Tidings" — but it is a shining example of the devoted interest taken in our official W.M.S. Magazine by the steadfast members of the W.M.S. through the years, and typical evidence of the real value placed on "The Glad Tidings", by those loyal and valiant women of our Society, who so nearly lost their Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society — and did *lose their Magazine — only thirteen years before this date! How very much we do owe them — and to the legacy of Christian service and true ethical values which they bequeathed to us, who seek to build upon their firm foundations in our own generation and time! This is the way they* did *things, in those days! Editor.)*

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VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Atkins, Missionaries with the U. S. A. Methodist Church in *Northern India,* were Guest Speakers at a recent Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* and told of the development and administration of the work there. Mrs. Atkins, wearing her beautiful sari, spoke about her work in the Clinics, Hostels, and Dispensaries, in this part of India, where the Apostle Thomas once lived. Many Hospitals there are named after Lady Dufferin, who appealed to Queen Victoria on behalf of the women of *India,* and established Hospitals where women could be treated. During their last four years in India, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins lived in the house where the Grandfather of Dr. J. L. W. McLean had worked for fifty years.

The Seventh Annual Conference of Presbyterian Women was held last May in St. Andrew's Hall, University of British Columbia, and, at the Opening Meeting, the Guest Speakers were Miss Helen McRae, Dean of Women at U.B.C., and Miss Shahla Anand, from *Punjab, India.* They spoke on "Women's Place in The Changing World." Dr. John Ross, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall, spoke on "Relevance of Religion in the World Today," and the Rev. J. B. Milne spoke on "The Theory of Prayer."

On another afternoon, the women visited Jericho Hill School, for children who are deaf and blind, and at the evening Meeting a Panel of Four Women—an older woman; a career woman; a young mother; and a woman from Hungary—discussed their own place as women in this changing world. The following morning, Dr. Ross spoke on "The Relevance of The Church Today," and Mrs. Carson, House Mother at St. Andrew's, spoke on "The Practice of Prayer." This was indeed a most inspiring, enlightening, and worth-while Conference for all who were able to attend.

Mrs. W. J. Hogg, President, presided at the Rally of Victoria Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Nanaimo.* The Rev. D. Mahood, B.D. welcomed delegates, and in his Devotional Service, emphasized the added responsibilities women have been accorded in our Church work, by the decisions made at the last General Assembly Meeting. Interesting highlights of the Annual Council Meetings in *Toronto* were presented by Mrs. G. A. Farraday, and four young women from Knox Presbyterian Church, reported the

Conference held at St. Andrew's Hall, and answered many questions concerning those Meetings. A Panel of Presbyterial members, both capably and interestingly, discussed the many angles of "The Mission of The Church." The gracious hospitality of the *Nanaimo* ladies was greatly appreciated, and the Christian fellowship together will be long remembered.

WESTINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. G. M. Ledingham presided at all sessions of the Annual Meeting of British Columbia Synodical, held in Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver. Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, of *Victoria* gave the Opening Devotion. Miss Luzetta McClelland, then Treasurer of Council Executive, was the Afternoon Guest Speaker, and gave an inspiring Address on "Today's Needs". She also took part in the Discussion Period, following the reading of the mimeographed Reports which were summarized by Miss Tamiko Nakamura, Regional Secretary for British Columbia.

At the Evening Session, the Rev. D. Corbett, Minister of Central Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* gave the Devotional Service, and the Chinese Senior High Fellowship, sang an Anthem, with one of their number singing the Solo. An interesting Panel Discussion was chaired by the Rev. Ian Rennie, Ph.D., Minister of Fairview Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* and Mrs. V. Guerin, speaking for *Canadian Indians;* Mrs. P. T. H. Chen — *Formosa;* Dr. B. Nelson — *India;* Miss Tamiko Nakamura, in Japanese costume — Japan; Mrs. S. Sowemimo, in Nigerian costume — Nigeria. The Panel Theme was "Horizons Unlimited — New Ways in a New Age", and proved to be most informative.

On Wednesday Afternoon, the Panel Theme, "Not the women, but the whole congregation, should be involved in Mission", was openly discussed by Miss McClelland, the Rev. G. Bastedo, B.A., and the Rev. C. Chambers, B.D. Mrs. G. M. Ledingham was re-elected to the Presidency, and the 1966 Officers were installed by the Moderator of Synod, the Rev. J. N. Allan, B.A. of North Surrey, B. C.

At the Luncheon — Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Group of Fairview Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* Mrs. Walter Ellis, the mother of Rev. Theodore Ellis, in Formosa, was the Speaker, and, illustrating her Address with coloured slides taken on a recent trip to that country, she told of the work of her son among the people of Formosa. She asked for prayer-support of the specific projects there.

When the W.M.S. Group of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church held their Easter Thank-Offering Meeting, Mrs. A. B. Basey, who had attended the Pacific North West Conference, at *Tacoma, U.S.A.,* spoke on "The Authenticity of Being A Christian". The

Easter Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings" was used. Members were saddened by the recent death of a faithful Charter Member Miss Mary Catherine Williams, Secretary for this Group for some years.

At a recent Luncheon Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Norman MacLennan brought greetings from *Old Kildonan*, and shared in the Service of Worship. Mrs. H. C. Hepburn was welcomed as Speaker for the Study of Light and Salt.

Delegates to the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto,* President, Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, and Mrs. E. H. Hermanson, highlighted the May Meeting of Westminster Presbyterial by taking members on an imaginary trip across *Canada* and around the *World.* Up-to-date information was given from every Field of our Mission endeavour, and a written Report of the Business sessions will be presented later.

The Evening Department of Robertson Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* held a "Mother Thank-Offering Meeting," when the Rev. E. L. Garvin, the Guest Speaker, told of his recent trip to *Formosa.* A Life Membership and Pin were presented to Miss Mabel Duncan, an active Group member for many years, and a loving tribute was paid to Mrs. W. J. Murdock, Past President of both Westminster Presbyterial and British Columbia Synodical, by members of this Group, when it was announced that the Evening Department be known in the future as "The Mary Murdock Group," of the W.M.S. of Robertson Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Murdock is much loved, and well-known in all phases of W.M.S. work, and has met the many challenges in her life with courage and cheerfulness.

The June Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Group of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* began with a Luncheon, at which the Home Helpers Group were honoured guests. President, Mrs. R. G. Ellis, presided at the Meeting, and Miss Lily Simpson conducted the Devotional Period. Mrs. G. M. Bell, Home Helpers Convenor, showed slides, and gave an interesting account of her recent visit to *Australia,* and the *Far East.* In *Formosa,* she visited our Presbyterian Mission School at *Tamsui,* and the MacKay Memorial Hospital at *Taipei.* She was asked to address the congregation of a little Mountain Church, and with the aid of an interpreter told them something about our Canada, and our Presbyterian fellowship together.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Group of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* honoured Mrs. T. Peddie, of *Victoria,* with a Life Membership and Pin, in appreciation of her contribution to the work of this Group, and for her fine service and example, as shown in the Missionary work of her Church.

Miss Katherine Freisen, who serves

with Overseas Missionary Fellowship in *Thailand,* was Guest Speaker at a recent Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Group of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* Formerly on the staff of Manoram Christian Hospital in *Central Thailand,* Miss Freisen illustrated her Address with interesting slides, which gave much information of the country, its people, and the fine work done by Medical workers there. The name "Thailand" means "Land of the Free," but in this land there is strong resistance to Christian Missions, the chief barrier being Buddhism, the ancient foundation and structure of *Thailand's* economic, political, and social life. Missionaries have accepted these challenges, however, and are gradually winning many of the people to the Christian way of life. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting, when members and guests met and talked with Miss Freisen, and accepted some of the informative literature which she had brought with her.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL—The Explorer "Mother and Daughter" Banquet, at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* featured also the first Graduation, from the Explorer Group to the new C.G.I.T. Group, to be started this Fall. Graduates, Cheryl Horne; Valerie Baldwin; Jane Cairns, all were Explorer members for three years. Six girls from the C.O.C. also graduated at this time, with a Graduation Service preceding the Explorer Graduation into the C.G.I.T. Group. Mrs. Laura Spencley, Executive Secretary of the C.G.I.T. Board, spoke briefly after the Ceremony, which was made more realistic by the presence of four C.G.I.T. members from St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Calgary — Laura Burton; Vivian Liaridie; Peggy Martin, and Judi Perkins. Fifty-two guests were present, including Miss Ruby Walker, Presbytery Deaconess, who spoke briefly; Miss Jean McLagan, Childrens' Secretary; and Mrs. J. G. Moors, Presbyterial Girls' Organization Secretary.

Table decorations, made by the Explorers as Work Projects, were "Spool Gumdrop Tree" place cards, and lovely "Cherry Blossom Trees," beautifying the dinner-table. These were made from instructions given in the April, 1962, "Glad Tidings." Using the Theme, "The Earth is The Lord's," and the 148th Psalm, the Explorer Graduates conducted the Worship Service. Following this, Miss Kathleen Hodges, President of the Isabel Taylor W.M.S. Evening Group of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* showed beautiful slides of the different birds found in *Alberta.* This was co-ordinated with the

Hymn "God sees the little sparrow fall," and was a most enjoyable highlight of the Meeting.

President, Mrs. Harold Brown presided at the Meeting of the Afternoon Group of the W.M.S. of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* when Miss Ruby Walker, newly-appointed Presbytery Deaconess, Guest Speaker, told of her recent work in "the Inner City," of *Toronto, Ontario.* Mrs. H. Pyke, conducted the Bible Study on Programme Three of the Adult Study — "Called for the World." Mrs. A. Forrester closed the Study with pertinent information on Women's Work in the various Mission Fields. A Social Hour followed.

At the regular Meeting of the Isabel Taylor W.M.S. Group of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, the Guest Speaker was Miss Ursula Burrows, Superintendent of Leprosy Hospital, *Nasik, India.*

The Explorer Group of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Calgary, held a successful Family Night, when the members of the Athalie Read Group served supper to the families of the girls. Included in the Programme which followed, was a Sing-Song; a Talent Show; a Second Star Ceremony; and a Graduation Ceremony, conducted by Mrs. Ron Franklin and Miss Jean McLagan. Miss Marlene Stahr graduated into C.G.I.T. A Worship Service followed the showing of the filmstrip, "The Church Is People." A Cheque was presented to Calgary Presbyterial, and this was received by Presbyterial President, Mrs. K. C. Doka, on behalf of Calgary Presbyterial. The Explorer Closing Ceremony concluded the evening.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL—The Bi-Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Wanham, Alberta,* when Centennial W.M.S. Projects were discussed, and the Student's Assistance Fund was explained and considered. A letter was read from the *Taiwan* Bible School regarding the Christmas cards made by the pupils, and sold to raise funds for the support of the work there. A letter was read from the *Fairview School of Agriculture,* stating that facilities were available there, if it was wished to make use of them in the future for a W.M.S. Training Centre in the *Peace River* Area.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Eckville, Alberta,* aspired to higher things when they held their Closing Camp Week-End. On a Saturday Afternoon, the girls, and their Leader, climbed the last, and steepest, two miles of 6,835 foot Shunda Mountain. The Forest Ranger took them in his truck as far as the truck could go, and the rest of the climb was done on foot. After admiring the breath-taking scenery, and visiting with the Ranger in charge of the Lookout, the return trek was made. This energetic Group also reports a most successful "Mother-and-Daughter" Banquet, with the Explorer Group, and many other interested friends, as their guests.

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WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL—A Joint Meeting was held in St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* when the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Groups met to hear the Report of the Annual Council Meeting, held at Ewart College, *Toronto.* This has become an Annual Event, which is well attended by members of both Groups and also many visitors. Mrs. A. H. McKay, *Manitoba* Synodical President, and also President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Group, presided, and for her "Call to Worship", she used Psalm 67-verse 2, as used at the Opening of Council. Mrs. E. F. Bell, Children's Secretary of Winnipeg Presbyterial, attended the Pre-Council Conference, on Children's Work, and, in her Devotional, again used the Devotions as presented to Council by Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Executive Secretary for Overseas Missions.

Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, gave the Report of the Business of the Council Meetings. She said that Council Meetings presented to those in attendance, the "Blueprint for Building" and pointed out that members must provide "The Tools for The Task". An excellent account of all Reports was presented, with special emphasis on the Financial Report. Stating that "Money is An Important Tool", Mrs. Gordon also mentioned those workers with long-time Service, who were introduced to the Council Meetings. Mrs. R. Earl, a member of the Evening W.M.S. Group, sang a Solo, and a cup of tea was served at the close of the Meeting.

At the home of the Deaconesses, Miss Dorothy McCombie and Miss Iris Ford, at 748 Flora Avenue, *Winnipeg,* the regular Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of Kildonan Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg* was held, and guests on this occasion were members of the Mary Nesbitt W.M.S. Group, and the Ladies Aid Society. A warm welcome was extended to all present by Miss McCombie and Miss Ford, who gave a resume of what they are endeavouring to accomplish, in reference to their work in that depressed area of the City, which has developed from a participation with Anglican and United Churches in a Bible Vacation School, held on a Parking Lot.

The Project started with 3 children in attendance, and later developed into a total registration of

80 children. In spite of the hot blazing sun in the Parking Lot, they gathered around them this really hard core of Inner City children with whom to work. Another Vacation School, closer to where they are now living, was started, which brought in some 100 children, and so a programme of games and handwork commenced. At the conclusion of the season, parents asked the Deaconesses, "Why do you not come and do something for us in the Winter-time? We would like you to do this much." In answer, the Deaconesses looked about for a home, in which they could live and work — 748 was advertised for rent, and they decided this is what they wanted to try out.

They did not have enough money between them to pay the rent, but a gift of $100.00 came from a friend, and, so the Deaconesses told, gifts have been coming to them ever since, and showers by W.M.S. Groups of the City have been a great help. They started their Project by using a list of names of children who had attended Vacation School, and sent out pamphlets to these homes. They visited other homes, and found parents enthusiastic about the programme. They told parents that they were Protestants and Presbyterians. Soon they succeeded in starting a Tuesday Night Club for 6 to 8 year-old children, who came, played games and heard stories, all of which were Christ-centred, and they started the children on handwork, related to the stories told.

This Group, starting with 10 children now has a registration of 40. They are not all regular attenders, but there is a good nucleus who come regularly. The Deaconesses conduct Sunday School Classes. Some of the children arrive at one O'clock for the three O'clock sessions, because of being locked out of their homes—most of them come from broken homes. A C.G.I.T. Group has also been formed. The Deaconesses would very much like to start a Pensioner's Club, for older people, for they feel that in this district there is a pressing need for such a Project. For the children who are coming to them, they feel that they are creating a home atmosphere, which otherwise they would not have.

With regard to the Camp at the Lake of The Woods, which is in need of repairs, it was agreed that the Group President would look after any donations which members of Kildonan Church might like to make. There are ten City Churches, and ten cabins, and it was proposed to name the cabins by the name of the ten different Churches. The President thanked Miss McCombie and Miss Ford for their kindness "in inviting us to their home and telling us of their work."

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THE LIVING CHRIST

by the late RT. REV. (BISHOP) R. J. RENISON

THE ONE ESSENTIAL to the fact of the reality of Christianity is the living Christ. In this world, so full of sin and pain, death and mourning, how re-assuring is that calm, majestic voice of Jesus, in the last book of the Bible — "Fear not, I have the keys". It is not only on earth that He is supreme but in that mysterious region beyond the grave, He is Lord and Master.

The Christian faith is a mass of contradictions, and a glorious tissue of harmony. It is fatal for religion to appeal to common sense; our faith is in a dead man who is our living God; in a living God who died, and yet who, in extremest weakness, revealed the supreme power of Heaven and earth. First of all, the Christian believes in the historic Christ. The story of the Gospels has been known to millions for nearly two thousand years. It tells of a Child who was born in Bethlehem; who grew up on the hills overlooking the Mediterranean Sea; who walked the roads of Galilee; a Man who healed the sick, and gave sight to the blind; who was put to death by the malice of his own countrymen.

This is the Jesus of history. Moreover, this Man is prolonged into posterity. He deserves more affection and gratitude than Plato, Dante, Shakespeare, or any of the heroes of civilization. He has done more for the human race than anyone who ever lived. Even if you deny His Godhead, you must admit that He has lifted the gates of history from their hinges, and created a new world. In some extraordinary way, Christ has embalmed all the glory of ancient Greece and Rome for succeeding generations. He has brought kindness into the cruel life of men. His spirit killed slavery, and the instinctive feeling of our own time is that war itself *will* one day be slain by the spirit of the Warrior of Bethlehem.

Even in this disillusioned century, there is a latent Christendom which does not appear in the newspaper — it is the civilization of the spirit, and the true church of the heart and soul. You cannot hold Jesus at arm's length. His only armour is love. You cannot view Him in dry perspective; you cannot discuss Him in cold blood. He goes down the stream of history; He carries it — it does not carry Him.

Our modern world is not satisfied with the idea of a mystical Christ. If Christ is alive, He will produce in us a living faith. When the pilgrim visits the Holy Sepulchre, he feels the living Christ standing close beside him. Christianity is more than Christendom, but Christ is more than Christianity. He is more than any truth that can be told about Him, or any deeds done in His name. Our Gospel is a faith in the practical reality of His unseen presence. Jesus acts in many ways — by His historic Church; by His sacraments; still more, by His Holy Spirit. This living Lord is invisible, invincible, and immortal.

You cannot stop with faith in a merely historic Christ, if you are in earnest. Your heart will not let you. You cannot believe that for centuries the world has made a God, of a sentimental dream, and taken this for a creed. Humanity will never part with Christ now, but it can only keep Him by taking His Word, as to His cosmic and eternal power. If you dismiss Christ because He is in collision with the laws of your universe, those laws need not be denied, but, remember, there are laws of the soul as well.

Jesus, too, is a universe, and not merely a fact. If He enters life, it is that life may enter Him. He is a world within the world, the destiny awaiting the world; the truth which the world is working out. If Jesus is not living, faith must dwindle and die. If He is not the living, reigning Christ, He must then be a Christ growing weaker as the ages move on, and He recedes into the past. As He grows more distant, faith in Him would grow more dim. We need a living Redeemer, if there is to be a living God, because, practically speaking, it is the faith in Christ that had kept belief in God from dying out.

We must have a personal Christ, for a living Christ, who only ruled His Kingdom, would be no sufficient Saviour. Mankind needs someone who cares for its needs, loves, shame, and sins. He must mingle with our lives; He must charge Himself with our souls. We must have One to bring from us the cry — "My Lord and My God!" The only possible object of love is a Person, not an ideal Person, but a living One. We cannot love Isaiah, or St. Augustine, or Martin Luther, or Walter Scott.

The object of love is a Person, and One who is real, living, and near. There is only One, whom not having seen, we love. We remember the story of St. Thomas Aquinas. In his old age, when he was nearly blind, Jesus appeared to him and said — "Thou has written well of Me, Thomas. What recompense doest thou desire?" Answered the Saint — "None other, Lord, than Thou, Thyself." (From The Editor's Treasure Box.)

PRAYER

by MISS DOROTHY KELLER

Regional Secretary, Organization Department.

MOST MERCIFUL and mighty, everlasting Father, giver of our life; we praise Thy holy Name and bow in adoration before Thee.

Through Thy loving kindness, we earnestly seek forgiveness for our many sins of disobedience, neglect, selfishness and lack of self-control. We also confess that we slight the sacrifices of the many people who have enabled us to live in this Country — the Indians, who taught the settlers the best use of the land — the Missionaries, who brought education, courage and hope to the pioneers — the Fur Traders and Farmers, who opened up this territory — the Police, who established law and order — and the Armed Forces, who safeguard our freedom. May we be conscious of the privileges we enjoy, that the future we shape may be worthy of the sacrifices, through the power of Thy Holy Spirit.

We thank Thee, Lord, for the opportunities of service open to us, to use our talents Thou hast given. We thank Thee for fellow Christians as they aid us. We thank Thee for Thy bountiful creation which shelters us. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, who loves us and gave His life for us. We are truly grateful, and wish to extol Thy precious Name.

We call to mind all those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. May Thy love and peace comfort them. For Thy workers throughout this land and across the world, we pray that they be endued with the sense of Thy presence. We remember the students, as their searching minds explore Thy creation. May they be inspired to follow Thy guidance. Empower the rulers of this world with the sense of commitment, that they may be used for Thy purpose. May we be awakened to succour the lonely, discouraged, poor, or hungry, wherever they may be.

As we meditate upon Thy glory, may we ever be thankful for the privilege of being Thy follower. May Thy Holy Spirit guide us to accept our responsibilities, and those of our Society, to fulfil Thy purpose. Through Thy Divine Grace, uphold us ever to be true to Thee, as we plan and train, to become more effective witnesses of Thy love and care. Enable us, we pray, to unite the women, girls, and children, of the Church, in prayer, study and service, for the advancement of Thy kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY — AUGUST 1966

Receipts

SYNODICAL GIVINGS	*1965*	*1966*
British Columbia	$ 7,611.58	$ 6,998.30
Alberta	7,083.73	6,875.08
Saskatchewan	6,143.67	4,427.86
Manitoba	6,234.18	6,307.38
Hamilton and London	54,197.59	58,042.45
Toronto and Kingston	56,641.00	59,310.44
Montreal and Ottawa	29,375.00	30,789.58
	167,286.75	172,751.09
Individual Gifts	9,034.36	5,984.86
	$176,321.11	$178,735.95

Disbursements

National Missions	$ 83,163.19
Overseas Missions	118,013.84
Organization	36,470.56
Publications	13,117.19
Administration	18,273.47
Insurance and Taxes	1,316.25
Students	1,250.00
Christian Literature	6,615.00
Council Meeting	3,524.58
Grants	1,700.00
Audio-Visual Education	—
Medical Insurance for Staff	1,622.50
Synodical Grants	1,115.00
General Contingency	643.19
	$286,824.77

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WITNESS!

"From coast to coast our witness runs;
Our churches stand beside both seas;
Their steeples greet the westering suns
Across our land's immensities.

Our hymns by eastern oceans raised
Invoke Thee in the far-off west;
In every province Thou are praised,
And every region loves Thee best."

(Selected)

A SUMMER IN THE KAWARTHA LAKES MISSION

by MISS MARGARET BALDERSTON

CHARLES M. SCHULZ in his book, *What was Bugging Ol' Pharaoh?,* portrays one of his delightful characters — a teenage boy — as saying to his father: "I was real glad to hear that you're the new chairman of the church's Board of Trustees, Dad . . . I've always wanted a friend among the hierarchy!" Sometimes children, young people, or even adults, have felt much the same way, but often have hesitated to express it in words.

The word "hierarchy" can refer to a group of concerned people — perhaps a Session, a Christian Education Committee, or teachers planning for a Vacation Church School to be held in July or August. They are also friends, who are concerned that children and young people be involved in an enriching learning experience in the summer, as well as during the rest of the year. We, in the Kawartha Lakes Mission, have such a "hierarchy" in the newly-formed Christian Education Committee.

Questions have probably been raised in the mind of the reader as to *what* the Kawartha Lakes Mission is and *where?* The "Kawartha Lakes Mission", by which name it has been known since June 1966, is a multiple-point charge, consisting of six rural and village churches. In 1963 it had been established, as the "Lakefield Territorial Mission", by the Presbytery of Peterborough, in conjunction with the General Board of Missions, in order that work in this area be preserved. Previously "serious consideration had been given to closing certain churches in the area. However the Presbytery determined that an experiment should be attempted with the Territorial Mission plan. Seven congregations were grouped to form one field of work."

Since the formation of the field, one of the congregations — Omemee — has been linked with the charge of St. Stephen's Peterborough. In 1964, the Rev. Gordon Matheson was appointed as the ordained Missionary by the General Board of Missions. The following year, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) appointed a graduate Deaconess — myself — as Director of Christian Education to the Mission.

The Mission is situated in the northern part of Peterborough Presbytery, in east-central Ontario. It covers an area of approximately 250 square miles; thus the necessity of a car. The Indian word "Kawartha", meaning "bright waters and happy lands", suggests a very beautiful part of Ontario with rolling hills, some of the land rather rugged, dotted generously with lakes, rivers and islands. To some of us, the Kawartha Lakes bring back happy memories of holidays, for this is a well-known tourist resort area. Many camping, boating and fishing enthusiasts spend their holidays here, or come for the week-end. The Villages of Lakefield ("The Key to the Kawarthas") and Buckhorn, for example, are literally hopping with visitors in the summer.

In the midst of summer activities, the Church is not, by any means, left out of the picture. In an area such as this, the Church has a great opportunity for outreach, by means of preaching on the beach at Buckhorn and by holding Vacation Church Schools in the communities of Lakefield, Warsaw, Fowler's Corners and Lakehurst. Before such schools could take place, planning sessions had to be held. This was the first responsibility of the Christian Education Committee. Vacation Schools are not exactly new in this area, therefore the Christian Education Committee was able to secure some leaders of previous years. The weather being ideal for outdoor activity, much of our space problem was eliminated. However, there are incidents which crop up during a Vacation Church School which are not foreseen by the Christian Education Committee or the teachers.

On Monday morning, the school was to begin at Lakehurst. The Volkswagen was unloaded of its boxes of books and supplies, normally associated with Vacation Church Schools. The session was off to a "buzzy" start, with a chain-saw providing background music. Since it was too

Finger-Painting in Junior Department, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Warsaw, Ont. (Inter-Church V.C.S.)

close to the church for proper concentration, Lawrie Brice, the student minister, decided that he had better take his Junior-Hi group down to the lake for Bible Study. The other groups resorted to the inside, or across the road. Suddenly — "Crack!!!" — "Timber.r.r!!!" "They're cutting down trees!" exclaimed a fascinated kindergartener. "Wouldn't it be fun to watch them!" However, we were advised to avoid going near the cutting area, and so, to the music of the chain-saw, we continued our morning activities.

It was a warm July day, well into the third Vacation Church School, in the Village of Warsaw. This school being interdenominational, the three churches shared in holding the various departments. The Kindergarten and Junior departments were set-up for finger painting. The tables and floors were heavily laden with newspapers; sponges were readily available, as also were paper towels, and the water, which was obtained from a neighbour. In one case, the stove proved to be a suitable table to hold the paint, extra jars of paint mixture, and containers. At some point during the project, more tempera colours were needed; so I, being relatively free to visit each department, drove to the rescue in the Volkswagen. Space being at a premium in a one-room church, which the above picture suggests, it was necessary to use the front platform, one of the aisles, and part of the back floor space. No cushions were provided!

The week had come to a close at the Fowler's Corners Vacation School. Time had gone so quickly! The number of kindergarteners being small meant that the routine and atmosphere were quite relaxed, allowing us to try some interesting things. A borrowed record player was used during song-time, and also during a finger painting session. It is when the child is encouraged to cut bits of construction paper, to use yarn, stars, straws, or any odds and ends which may be found in the home, to glue all these things on a sizeable piece of paper, forming a *collage,* that he feels a true sense of accomplishment, for it is *his* work. He can enthusiastically break forth into song with the words of "All by Myself", which is found in the book *Songs for Early Childhood* — as did the kindergarteners at Fowler's Corners.

When the time came to pack up, and clean up the church at Fowler's Corners, there seemed to be more equipment than there was on Monday morning! With the Vacation Church Schools over for another year, records are kept, in order to be of help to the Christian Education Committee, Minister, or other concerned parties, in their evaluations and planning for next summer's activities. However, the summer is not over. With four congregations to consider, I am kept on the "go" — planning with leaders for Fall activities, visiting families, and seeking new leaders where necessary.

We must conclude, then, that Kirk Sessions, Christian Education Committees, and teachers, from the large urban church to the small church of the Kawartha Lakes Mission, have some questions to consider, some of which might be:—What is *teaching?* What are we trying to *teach?* Is it the Church School lesson only which *teaches?* In connection with the previous question — Do the *physical features* of a church, or room, have any bearing on our *teaching?*

We need to examine our attitudes towards the place of children, young people and adults, in the life and work of the Church. It is the desire, for the most part, that each person feel that he is a definite part of the whole Church.

In his book, *Two-by-Fours,* Charles M. Schulz pictures two little boys riding in a car. One enthusiastically points out to the other the Church with which he is affiliated. "There it is! That's MY church. Well I don't exactly mean it's MY church . . . What I mean is, that it's MY church . . . Well, you know what I mean!"

Does our local church lend itself to such enthusiasm on the part of our children, young people and adults?

NOTICE TO PRESS SECRETARIES

Planning for Special Features in our "Glad Tidings", relevant to the observance in 1967 of Canada's Centennial Year, the Publications Committee, at a recent Meeting, decided that, beginning with the January issue of "The Glad Tidings", the space used under the "Through The Society" heading, will be utilized especially for the publishing of items of interest concerning the various events and ways through which our W.M.S. Groups, and members, will be marking this important Anniversary Year. Articles of general interest in this Special Year will also find space there from time to time.

Press Secretaries are, therefore, asked to take note of this, and in sending in their monthly budgets of Synodical news, to include *only* such items as will be of general interest in this year of historical remembering, and celebration of Canada's beginnings, growth and progress — accounts of Centennial plans and doings in their local W.M.S. Groups and districts. Secretaries are also reminded that material for this January issue should be in the Editor's hands by November 10th, 1966. (L.M.C.)

OUR COVER PICTURE

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

The photograph on this month's cover of our Magazine was taken at the Canadian Military Cemetery, at Holton, in Holland. It shows little Dutch girls placing flowers on one of the graves, as Dutch children have been doing all through the years, in all the War Cemeteries in Holland, where lie those Canadian Servicemen who died on Dutch soil during World War II.

In this particular War Cemetery, some 1,300 Canadians, who gave their lives in North West Europe, are buried, and each one of these Canadian graves, here, as well as in all the other War Cemeteries in Holland, has been adopted by a Dutch family, who have pledged their personal attention to it. In all these Cemeteries, truly their memory does "live forevermore", and these men of Canada will always be held in gratitude and honour by the people of the Netherlands, because they made the supreme sacrifice of their young lives to help Holland save her freedom.

Always, in each War Cemetery—in Arnheim; in the Groesbeck Cemetery, overlooking the beautiful Reichswald Forest; in the one near Bergen op Zoom; and here at Holton — the plain white crosses, all alike, stand "row on row", each one bearing the name of the Serviceman and his Regiment. Between the graves in each long row, the roses and other flowers, crimson, white and pink, bloom profusely; the well-kept grass is green and velvety. Sometimes, there is no name — only the meaningful words, "Known Unto God". And, if the age is given, as it often is on most of the Crosses, it touchingly reveals how pathetically young most of these Valiant Ones were — these gay-hearted lads who so freely laid down their lives for us! Every year, on the evening before Holland's Remembrance Day, which is May, the Fifth, the School children come to these Cemeteries, at the sunset hour, to place, in silent reverence, their floral tributes of remembrance on each one of the thousands of graves of Canadian soldiers and airmen who are buried in the War Cemeteries of Holland.

And did you know, I wonder, that in this same way, flowers are always laid on these Canadian graves by loving, reverent hands, on *our* Remembrance Day as well — November, the Eleventh? Certainly the people of the Netherlands have not forgotten, nor ever will forget, their Allies from Canada, who came to them in their need, and there heroically laid down their young lives for the liberation of Holland, and to save for those who came after them, the priceless heritage of freedom and honour which is our's today. The deep gratitude felt by the Dutch people toward Canadians is manifested in many heartfelt ways. Not only in their own personal ways and contacts is this proven, but the Dutch Government, officially and regularly, invites the Next-of-Kin of these brave lads to come, whenever they wish to do so, as the guests of the Dutch Government, to visit the graves of their beloved Hero Sons, whose bodies rest in Holland's soil. Many of them have accepted this kindly opportunity through the years, and many more will continue to do so, as the years go on.

NOTICE

1967 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

THEME — "And of His Kingdom there shall be no end"

Materials Available

Adult	Order of Service in English	2c each
	Order of Service in French	2c each
	Order of Service in Chinese	2c each
	Order of Service in Japanese	2c each
	Order of Service in Braille	Free
Girls'	Order of Service in English	1½c each
Children's	Order of Service in English	1½c each
Glossy Print for Newspaper of Queen Salote		25c each
Posters		10c each
1966 Filmstrip (In colour)		$2.00 each

The following are free on request:—

- Leader's Guide
- Planning for the World Day of Prayer
- History of the World Day of Prayer
- Story of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Orders should be sent to:—

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
97 Saint George Street
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Orders must be received in the office not later than January 20th, 1967

FAITH IN ACTION!

by the REV. RONALD ROWAT, B.A.,
Director of Immigration,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

"Faith without works is dead." St. James was right! How are people going to be attracted to the Church if there are no Dorcases, full of good works, in it? If we show so little concern for our own, that our Church membership is almost static, how shall we influence the "stranger who is within our gates"? Truly, this is a time when every W.M.S. member should examine herself in the sight of God, and ask Him to reveal to us why we are so ineffectual in our witness.

I like the verse of the hymn which says: "In work that makes faith sweet and strong". There is a joy in Christian service, and none more rewarding than that of helping new Canadians when they come to our shores. What work can we do for the newcomer to Canada?

DON'T! Some of the cards we have returned to this office state that they phoned the people, but they were not interested. This is distressing. A phone call should only be made to determine if the folk are in, and without mention of the Church. (I say this in view of the poor sales image of the Church abroad.) If Church attendance is at an all-time low in Europe, then our call should be one asking if we can be of help by dropping around, rather than mentioning the Church.

Most newcomers do not have cars, and would be delighted to have someone provide transportation to meet their need, such as picking up their baggage, etc. Go outside your W.M.S. membership, if necessary, to obtain drivers. They will learn that "it is more blessed to give than to receive".

HOUSING. This is a big problem. Here is where your drivers will help. You may prevent a newcomer from settling in a bad part of the city, from signing a bad lease, or from paying an exorbitant rent.

PHONING FOR THEM. A company, speaking to a native Canadian, will pay more heed than if talking to a person who is entirely new in the land, be that person from the British Isles or from the continent.

SHOPPING WITH THEM. You can save them much money by showing them how to avoid costly time payments, and by having your drivers take them to inspect furniture which is being sold by people moving away.

FINDING WORK FOR THEM. You can take them to the nearest Government Employment Agency, or to a good private employment agency. Learn how to use the yellow section of the telephone directory, to steer them into companies similar to those for which they worked before they reached our shores.

START A KINDERGARTEN for their children. If your Church feels this will not work, be a baby sitter or invite their children to stay at your own home for a few days, until the parents get an apartment of their own and get jobs. Most Europeans are surprised that there are no government-sponsored nurseries for the children of working mothers.

HAVE ENGLISH CLASSES IN YOUR CHURCH, or have one in your home. Here is a job for retired school-teachers! A more rewarding one I know not!

CORRECT THEIR ENGLISH, as they speak to you. How can they learn without being corrected? They will thank you for helping them. The Canadian Government publishes some good books on how to teach English. These books call for no previous experience in teaching. In some cities the Government sponsors classes. Many Y.M.C.A.'s have classes for new Canadians.

INTRODUCE THEM TO PEOPLE OF LIKE INTERESTS. Most of the immigrants are young. They have hobbies. We learn of some of these at the port, but there time is short. Last year, several young ski instructors and instructresses came to our shores. As soon as you learn their interests, have some skier in your congregation get in touch with them. The same holds true with occupations, etc. The people you introduce them to should be Canadians, or new-Canadians who are at home here. We cannot too strongly insist that *all immigrants want to meet Canadians.* Even a teacher from the British Isles said: "But I want to meet Canadians", after I had assured her she would not be homesick in the Queen City, as so many English settle there. *Do not be guilty of pushing these people into a ghetto!* They do not want to be made separatists; they do not want segregation!

NEVER MIND THEIR PRESENT RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND. Whether they are 'Jews or Samaritans' makes no difference; we are to preach to every living creature.

LEARN OF THE COUNTRY OF THEIR ORIGIN. A brief glance at the encyclopedia will give you an idea of their background. They will be delighted to know you are interested in their history. (A letter to Standard Oil of New Jersey in New York City will bring you a detailed tourist map of almost every country in Europe, and the immigrants will be delighted to show you where they lived.)

ATTEND SOME OF THE ETHNIC CONCERTS, put on in the cities. Ask your Session to invite some of these groups to sing sacred cantatas in your Church on special occasions. Have an English translation of the words mimeographed. Europeans are so gifted, musically, that a poor choir is purgatory to them.

HAVE THEM COOK A NATIVE DISH for one of your Church suppers. Let them bring in some outsiders of their own race, if extra help is needed. Have someone explain the dishes as they are served.

If you love them for Christ's sake, and prove it by your works and concern, and repeated visits, you will not have to ask "Why don't they come to church?" Rather, they will ask "Where is your church?" You can then reply, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good".

(This is the last of three short articles by our Director of Immigration)

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Your Prayers are asked

—for all members of National Age Group Committees, as they plan programme materials for use in Groups across Canada.

—for those who lead C.O.C. and Explorer Groups in each congregation, and for the children who come together in these groups.

—for all members of the National Department staff as they have begun a new season of service, that they may be Divinely directed in all their endeavours and that their efforts may bring forth much fruit.

—for Miss Susan Yeung and Mrs. G. P. Louie, who recently retired from the National staff after many years of faithful service among the Canadian Chinese people. May they continue to make a good profession of their faith, as they enjoy a well-earned retirement.

—for all the peoples of Nigeria. Pray that the healing message of Christ's love may reach out and be used to bring peace to the nation. Pray for the Missionaries and people of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, that they may have strength and wisdom in these days.

—that we in Canada may have a deeper understanding of the needs of the nations abroad, so that we may share knowledgeably in the task we send missionaries to do.

BLUE BOOK CORRECTION!

Hamilton Presbyterial Officers

Young Women's Promotion — Mrs. Hugh Jack, 6 Brant St.,
Hamilton, Ont.

Girls' Organizations — Mrs. J. K. West, 249 Caroline Ave. S.,
Hamilton, Ont.

OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

Miss Mavis Hyndman

About the time you may be reading this issue of Tidings, MISS MAVIS HYNDMAN will be reaching the West Coast of Canada. Miss Hyndman is completing a three-year appointment to the Korean Church in Japan.

A number of our people have travelled through the Far East in these past few years. The centenary celebrations in Taiwan were a main event. One does not travel to the East without going through Japan. As many as have gone, have undoubtedly met Miss Hyndman, and have learned what her task has been. She has welcomed many visitors, and helped them become better acquainted with the Korean Church in Japan. While this is part of her task, her appointment has been as Secretary to the General Secretary of the Korean Church in Japan, who has been the Rev. In Ha Lee. Miss Hyndman has also served as Treasurer of the Japan Canadian Committee, and in that capacity has been on finance committees of the Korean General Assembly.

Miss Hyndman's ministry has been in using her knowledge and skill in office procedures, to make a suitable office for the Korean General Assembly offices. In addition, she has worked among the Koreans in Tokyo particularly, helping with Bible classes and in many other ways.

When Miss Hyndman's term had still a year to go, an appeal came to us to reappoint her to the General Assembly office. Miss Hyndman has agreed to return to Japan after approximately seven months' furlough.

Her furlough time will be spent largely in Eastern Canada, and, we expect, for the most part in study. Miss Hyndman's home is Calgary, Alberta.

"A CHANGE OF PACE!"

by MRS. W. E. McCUTCHEON
Treasurer, W.M.S. (W.D.)

HAVE YOU ever thought of having a 'game' night at one of your auxiliary meetings? Wouldn't it be a nice change of pace from the usual speakers or study night?

Everyone enjoys the fun of competition, especially when one has the opportunity to study for the Quiz — and the best part of this type of group activity is that it leaves all those who participate much wiser regarding the work, (in this instance, the Overseas work) of our Society.

Now — for a few hints on how to prepare for this most relaxing meeting. First, you will need a set of questions and answers. You can use the ones we are going to give you — but you may need more, and they are very easy to prepare yourselves. Look through your Blue Book, and the Glad Tidings, and see how many questions you can prepare based on the information you find there. Try to bring out interesting facts. The reports from the various fields are full of material you can use.

Now — give a copy of questions and answers to all those taking part (try to involve all your group) — everyone should have at least a week to study for the contest — see how fair we are to everyone! There are different ways you can use the Quiz. Aim for variety. Remember the excitement of the old spelling matches. Maybe you have played Bible Baseball — try a similar set-up with missionary questions. You could choose your two teams at one meeting, so they would be ready to take part the following month. Maybe they would like suitable names such as the 'Go Tells' or the 'Glad Tidings'. Also be sure to let the rest of your Church know about the contest — maybe some of them thought a missionary meeting was very dull. They are in for a surprise!

One person can ask the questions and keep score — because in spite of study — memories sometimes fail. Reward the winners with a gumdrop each, and know that everyone will have benefitted from the extra study. You will never run out of material to make up these Quizzes, because the work is always changing and growing.

So please try this in your group and have fun! (P.S. it might be a good idea to pass this Glad Tidings on to your C.G.I.T. leader).

1. Q. On the Bhil field, who gave leadership at Training

Classes for leaders of Women's Fellowship groups?

A. Miss Kennedy and Miss Hislop.

2. Q. In what Christian Medical College in India does Mrs. Mildred Gehman serve as an associate professor?

A. Vellore School of Nursing.

3. Q. How many Tibetan children are being cared for in the Helen MacDonald School in Jhansi, India?

A. 21.

4. Q. What have some of the Tibetan children recently purchased?

A. Bibles.

5. Q. Name one way our Society is helping the women's work in the Church in Guyana.

A. By co-operating with the Guyanese women in the development of a programme suitable to their needs.

6. Q. In Nigeria, which of our Missionaries works chiefly among girls, young people and women?

A. Miss Agnes Gollan.

7. Q. Who is giving leadership in developing indigenous music in Nigeria?

A. Miss Dorothy Bulmer.

8. Q. Name one type of medical work our Society is doing in Formosa.

A. Public Health.

9. Q. Where is the greatest need for Public Health nursing in Formosa right now?

A. Among the tribal people.

10. Q. What goal was recently achieved by the Formosan Church re membership?

A. Doubling the number of congregations in a ten-year period.

11. Q. Name our two veteran Missionaries from Taiwan, who have recently retired.

A. Miss Dorothy Douglas and Miss Hildur Hermanson.

12. Q. Name the young Nurse who recently went out to Taiwan to do Public Health nursing.

A. Miss Diane Petrie.

13. Q. Name a young Nurse who recently went to Taiwan to work in the field of Nursing Education.

A. Miss Rose Chambers.

14. Q. What Missionary in Formosa was formerly with the National Department of our Society working among the Chinese in Montreal?

A. Miss Louise Gamble.

15. Q. Miss Agnes Hislop writes of the girls and boys, at a Government High School, meeting early in the morning for Bible Classes — where is this taking place?

A. In Jobat, India.

16. Q. About how many small children are being cared for in the M. G. Abey Memorial Home in Amkhut?

A. 20.

17. Q. In what mission field is Amkhut?
A. The Bhil field, India.

18. Q. What other way do we minister to children and young people in Amkhut? (where we have 85 boys and 81 girls in residence).
A. The Hostels and the Amkhut School.

19. Q. How many Public Health areas are established in the Bhil field?
A. Three.

20. Q. Name three W.M.S. Missionary Nurses engaged in this work?
A. Miss Pauline Brown, Miss Ida White and Miss Doreen Morrison.

21. Q. Who do we have in the field of Nursing Education in our Jobat Hospital?
A. Miss Audrey Prendergast.

22. Q. When was the work among the Bhils begun, and by whom?
A. In 1847 by Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan.

23. Q. Name the Missionary who will be teaching Home Science in the Helen MacDonald Memorial School.
A. Miss Eleanor Knott.

24. Q. Who is the head of the English Department at the Helen MacDonald Memorial School?
A. Miss Edith Magee.

25. Q. Name two of our Missionaries, who are teaching Science in the same school.
A. Miss Margaret Leask and Miss Diana Wadsworth.

26. Q. Name two Missionaries in Guyana who are working with the women there?
A. Miss Margaret Ramsay and Miss Athalie Read.

27. Q. In Guyana, who is the Assistant Director of the Lay Training Center at Better Hope?
A. Miss Merle McGowan.

28. Q. Name one Missionary who has successfully served in a Church business office?
A. Miss Mavis Hyndman.

29. Q. Where does she serve?
A. In the Korean Church in Japan.

THE GLAD TIDINGS

It is now time for getting subscription lists in order for the 1967 Glad Tidings. Do not wait to be asked for your subscription, but gladden the heart of your Glad Tidings Secretary by giving it to her early. Individual Subscriptions from January to December—$1.00 per year.

In Remembrance

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Miss M. Dorothy Mackay	Knox, St. Catharines	Niagara
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The Christmas Service of Worship Announcement

As always, the Christmas Service of Worship will be published in the December issue of "The Glad Tidings". This issue will be in the mail by November 15th, so copies of the Magazine should be in the hands of our subscribers in plenty of time for December Group Meetings, and in ample time for Programme Committees to plan for its use in the December Meeting.

The Service will be prepared, this year, by Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, of Vancouver, B.C., who is the President of British Columbia Synodical of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mrs. Ledingham, is a Past President of Westminster Presbyterial, and an active member of West Point Grey Presbyterian Church, Vancouver.

MISS MARY WHALE

THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

At The Annual Council Meeting In Ewart College, Toronto May 9th - 13th, 1966

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

Executive Director of Overseas Missions, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

(Explanatory note: The Services of Worship were planned around the theme of the 1966 Council and the considerations which were before that council meeting: "That Thy Way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations." The thought was based on The Task we are given; the Tools we have been given for the task in The Structure of the Society; The Individual in that task. The Future—we are called to continue onward and upward in the Service of the Master.)

SERVICE IV

PRAYER — Lord of all we come seeking Thee. Be with us in this hour that we may truly worship Thee. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN — Book of Praise No. 255, verses 1, 3, 4, 5.

PSALM — No. 67 — read in unison

SCRIPTURE LESSON — John 14: 7-21

PRAYER — Our Father, we magnify Thy name as we come together once again in this sanctuary. We worship in this lovely building made with hands, we acknowledge the beauty of Thy creation in the world around us, and thank Thee for this day to which Thou hast brought us.

We thank Thee for the days that Thou has given us this week. We thank Thee for the opportunity to meet with friends from across our land, and those who have come from other lands. We thank Thee that we have been able to talk of the work Thou hast given us to do, with the sure knowledge that Thou hast been with us. We thank Thee for the promise that Jesus gave that we may at all times know the strength of Thy presence.

We pray for the nations of the world. Be with those peoples who are seeking to build their nations on strong secure foundations. Be with those who proclaim Thy Gospel in these lands, that in all aspects of life the power of Thy love may be known. Be with our own nation, that its leaders and people may be led to make Canada a land where Thy name is truly glorified.

Be with us in our deliberations today. Wilt Thou go with us as we return to our homes, and as we seek to continue to carry out the task Thou hast given us to do. May we always have before us the assurance that was given to the disciples of old, that through Christ we may be given strength to do all we are called to do. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

MEDITATION — We have attempted to see, in this week, something of our calling as Christians. The task of making the saving and healing Gospel of Jesus Christ known to all the nations can be nothing less than the most important thing we do in life. We have acknowledged that we have been given tools, which which to fulfil our calling. The tools which are of a material nature must be used by our resources of mind and body.

But the material resources we have are far less important than the gift that God gave us through Jesus Christ our Lord, after showing His followers the nature of His power and His love — He promised them that whosoever believed He was the Son of God would be given the power to do those things that He was given power to do. In fact, in the passage we read from John's Gospel this morning, Jesus promised that 'greater works' would be done by the believer; — "Ask anything in My name, I shall do it." (John 14:14)

It is so easy to read these words. It seems so difficult to believe them and to trust the promises. If only we did believe implicitly, our lives, our work, would be much less a burden. When we look back in our own life, in the life and service of the Church, and of our Society, we know that strength has been given to accomplish great things. We **know** that miracles have been accomplished.

Last autumn, when I sat with members of Mission Council on the Bhil field, and we realized the effect that crop failure would have on the lives of everyone, not only in the local communities but throughout the land, I wondered how we, in Canada, could do anything to help such a desperate situation. Members of Council made plans for famine relief. Basic to the plan for our field was an appeal to the Canadian

Presbyterian Church. While I knew our church would respond generously, I truly could not believe that we could given enough to make any remarkable difference. The reports that have come, not only of the response of our Church, but of how that money has been used to bring life and hope to hundreds of people, is an immediate example of the way God can use His human instruments to perform miracles.

As we go back to our homes and to our daily task, we must go believing that this same miraculous power is given to us, if only we first turn to our Lord. The task seems difficult. We have been asked to find more of the resources which will make possible the healing of the nations. We are tempted to worry about how we will be received at home, about how we can interpret the importance of the task to members of our Society. But the words of the passage we read this morning are the words of our Lord. They have come through the centuries. Men and women have believed on them, and on all the promises of Christ—and His work has been done against all adversaries.

As we go to our final session, let us pause for a moment and pray that we may never falter from believing that God can use us to "Make (His) way known upon earth, (His) saving health among all nations".

PRAYER — The Lord's Prayer — sung by Mrs. J. A. Newstead — setting by Pearl G. Curran.

BENEDICTION — Oh Lord, bless us and keep us. Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

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BE STILL, MY SOUL

Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past;
Thy hope, Thy confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious, shall be clear at last;
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know,
His voice, Who ruled them while He dwelt below. (Selected)

"Merry Christmas—Happy New Year!"

Have You Thought About How To Say It This Year?

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A Christmas Gift of *"The Glad Tidings"* of Course ! !

This is the attractive card which will accompany your gift—or, if you prefer, these cards can be sent to you direct, free of charge, and ready for you to sign and forward to your friends yourself.

With Best Christmas Wishes

To . . . .

From . . . .

This presents one year's subscription to **"The Glad Tidings"** issued by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Remember, too, how broad is that definition of "friends"—the old; the shut-ins; home helpers; old members and neighbours who have moved away; newcomers who might be interested—the list is endless!

Eleven times through the year, this Christmas gift will bring your greetings and remembrance. What else can you find of equal interest and value, for one small dollar bill—little more than the price of a Christmas Card?

How soon can you start **your** orders coming in?

CENTENNIAL PROJECT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D.

By MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., in May 1966 it was agreed that the Centennial Project of the Society be:—

> "that through prayer, programme, and people, we strive to increase our membership across the Western Division of the Women's Missionary Society by a total of 1967, to include C.O.C., Explorers, C.G.I.T. and Adult Groups."

Prayer — People — Programme

It is obvious that this project is related very closely to the purpose of the Society — "to unite the women, girls and children of the church in prayer, study, and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad."

Prayer

To begin with, let us think of a few ways in which we, as individuals and groups can become involved in the prayer part of the project.

On the next pages — the centre of the magazine — are the names of staff, who are serving in the various departments of the work for which the Society is responsible. (You will note that after the names of staff the *home* province is given.) Either keep the whole magazine or remove this centre spread. As individuals, let us make use of it to remind us to pray for these staff people. Let us use it in our groups; become familiar with these friends who represent us, and the work in which they are involved, through the Annual Report, the Glad Tidings, and programme materials; tell others in our congregation and ask them to share in this prayer project.

You may wish to choose areas of work, and people to pray for, at certain times and days. Watch suggestions for prayers in the Glad Tidings each month, which will give guidance as to areas of special need. Let us not forget to include in our prayers the needs of our local area, and those of members of our group and congregation.

The power of prayer can not be estimated. Pray that the witness of Christians around the world may be worthy of Him who they serve.

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HOW IS YOUR BUSINESS I.Q.?

by MISS MARTINE VAN BEEK

Regional Secretary for Manitoba

HAVE YOU SEEN the cartoon of the puzzled-looking boy in the Library asking the Librarian, "How do you look up a word in the dictionary, if you don't know how to spell it?". Whatever the answer is to that problem, as groups we have a handy little book (not nearly the size of a dictionary!) which answers most of the organizational questions which may arise in the regular business of our adult groups: HANDBOOK FOR ADULT GROUP EXECUTIVES. (Available from the W.M.S. Publications Department — 25c per copy).

There are many different ways of making use of it: many Groups have several copies on hand, or give a copy to any newly-elected officer. Is this booklet for officers or executives ONLY? Trecker, in his book "How to Work with Groups", says "The best leaders are those who have had considerable experience in Groups as members. . . . Leadership ability grows out of participation. If you would develop your leadership skills, you must first become a good group member, a good participant." In order to be a participant, one must know those ground rules, which make it possible for ALL members to participate. Why not check your knowledge against the information in the Handbook?

The following Quiz is designed to help you, as an individual or as a Group, to test your knowledge. To get the most benefit from this Quiz, discuss each item and compare it with the corresponding sections in the Handbook. Some Quiz items will appear ambiguous, which should add to your discussion, and help you to see the reasoning behind some of the "rules". Happy Quizzing!

BUSINESS PROCEDURE — true or false?

a. Parliamentary procedure is only used in parliament . . . .

b. To have an orderly meeting it is best to have an informal procedure . . . .

c. Parliamentary procedure enables a group to consider action which it wishes to take, as thoroughly and quickly as possible and come to a decision. . . .

ORDER OF BUSINESS—put the following items in their usual order (1, 2, 3, etc.)

d. unfinished business arising from the minutes . . . .

Announcements ....
Adjournment ....
Call to Order ....
New Business ....
Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting ....
Reports from Officers, Executive and Committees ....

TIME—True or false?

e. A group should never set a time limit on the business discussion at a regular meeting, i.e. ALL business should be discussed until it is finished, regardless of how long it takes. ....

f. Many details, that are tiresome to a group, are better left to the careful consideration of a committee. ....

RULES OF ORDER—whose responsibility? Fill in the blanks.

g. To call a meeting to order at the time appointed is the responsibility of ....

h. To present the business to the meeting is the responsibility of ....

i. To read the minutes of the previous meeting is the responsibility of ....

j. To receive motions or suggestions by the members is the responsibility of ....

k. To preserve order and decorum, at all times, is the responsibility of ....

l. To present motions, and debate them fully, is the right of ....

m. To maintain order and refrain from conversation, is the responsibility of ....

MOTIONS—put the following items in the proper order: (1, 2, 3, etc.)

n. Seconding a motion ....
Voting on a motion (and the amendment) ....
Amendment to a motion ......
Moving a portion ....
The stating of a motion by the President ....
Discussing a motion ....

KINDS OF MOTIONS — complete the sentences

o. The following motions are not debatable ....

p. Taking precedence over all other motions is the motion to ....

q. A "Call for the order of the day" means ....

r. A motion "to lay the question on the table" means ....

s. The purpose of a motion "to take an immediate vote" is ....
- that the motion remains on the list of unfinished business
- to suppress debate and bring to a vote
- to adjourn, for the order of the day, to lay on the table, to take an immediate vote
- that the order assigned to that particular time must be called up to
- to adjourn

COMMITTEES—fill in the blanks:—

t. There are two kinds of committees .... and .... committees

u. The first person named is considered the .... of the committee

v. How is a committee's report handled? Put the following items in the correct order: (1, 2, 3, etc.)

.... A committee member moves that the report be received

.... The report is discussed

.... A copy is handed to the president

.... A committee member reads the report

.... The report is written out

.... A committee member moves that the report be adopted

.... The president calls for a vote on the motion to adopt....

DUTIES OF OFFICERS — from your own knowledge fill in the blanks

w. 1. The .... presides at all meetings of the group and the executive.
2. The .... keeps the minutes of the group — and executive meetings.
3. The .... submits a detailed statement of the group's finances.
4. The .... is an ex-officio member of all committees.
5. The .... presides at a group meeting at least once a year.
6. The .... prepares an agenda in consultation with the ....
7. The .... has the books audited annually.
8. The .... of the .... committee presents a slate of officers to the group's annual meeting.
9. The .... states the fact only in a business discussion, without expressing her own opinion.
10. Once a motion is passed, all the .... take equal responsibility for the implementation of the decision, regardless of how one voted.

(Correct answers, and page numbers where the answers may be found in the Handbook, appear on page 37 of this issue.)

WE ARE MOVING!

By the last week in November, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, including all its Departments, will be established in their new offices in the Walter Gow Memorial Building, the New Church Office Building in Don Mills, Ontario. Our address will then be—Room 100, 50 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, Ontario. All mail, and communications of any sort, should be sent to this new address after that time.

"A CHURCH FOR THE TWENTIETH CENTURY"

In the October issue of the Glad Tidings, the "TEEN YEARS" section was devoted to a condensed summary of the feelings and convictions expressed by the young people of St. James Presbyterian Church in East Toronto, in a free and open dialogue with adults. In this issue the minister, the Rev. Grant Muir, tries to convey the feelings and convictions of the adults who were involved in this encounter.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH is in the midst of a revolution. Not since the Reformation of the 16th century has the Church experienced such an upheaval, and a shaking of its life and structures. For this revolution thanks is due, in some measure at least, to the young people who have the courage and frankness to speak up and help us see ourselves as we really are, and suggest changes that they feel will be essential to the very continued existence of the Church in the 20th century.

In the October article, the first criticism was directed at Ministers, and their sermons. We are quite prepared to concede that there is considerable justification in their dissatisfaction with modern preaching. It can scarcely be claimed that this is an age of great sermons. At the same time, we must resist, with all our might, a tendency by some young people to draw us away from the Bible. Some have suggested that we should not read the Bible in public worship. Others have expressed considerable reluctance to engage in any kind of serious Bible Study. We cannot yield to this, but rather we must be challenged by it to help young people understand the Bible, and to come to see it as the most exciting and powerful book in the world. I have personally been helped greatly by the criticism and encouragement given by our young people.

Most adults agree with the young folk that the Bible should be in the common language of the people. We welcome the new translations, and use them in our study groups. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible is provided for the older departments of our Church School, and most of the recent translations are in our Church library. I must take exception to the statement that the King James translation of 1611 is the only one found in all the pews and pulpits of our churches. In St. James Church, we have two pulpit Bibles; a King James and a Revised Standard Version, and they are both used equally. I also know some Presbyterian congregations where the RSV is the only pulpit Bible used. Sometimes young people speak out on matters about which they are not properly informed. This must be pointed out to them clearly. The Church is not always as far behind as they seem to think.

Yes, we need a new Hymn Book, and through the action of our General Assembly we are expecting to get one some year soon. Many of the adults agree heartily with the young people that many of our present hymns should give place to ones more in keeping with our life today. This is a difficult area where many of us are not competent to give advice. We do hope, however, that the compilers of our new Hymn Book will keep in close touch with the youth of the church, and let their hymns and music be included.

The adults of St. James feel the pressure and heat of the dialogue more keenly when the focus centered upon the life of the Church people. Teen-agers are quick to see through sham and hypocrisy, and our young people claim they see a lot of this in the modern Christian community.

We have to acknowledge all too many Church members seemed to regard Christianity as chiefly a Sunday affair, not to be taken too seriously on the other six days, especially when it comes into conflict with popular opinion or the ways of the world. We have to admit that there was all too much bickering, petty jealousy, hostility, and just plain selfishness, in the Church. At the same time, we had to point out that, more often than not, this kind of trouble centered in a very few immature and insecure offenders, and that the great majority of our Church people are much more genuinely Christian than the young people seem to think. We need to help them understand that there is a growing concern within the church to have Jesus Christ as Lord of all life. Concerned Christians today are asking what it means to be a Christian in their work, in their recreation, in their homes, as well as in Church. Significant changes are taking place, and the young people must be helped to recognize them, and to be a part of them.

Along with the young people, the adults of our Church deplore the breakdown in family relationships, and the fact that many parents send their children to the Church, but are unwilling to become involved themselves. Young people are hindered in their growth in the Christian faith by this kind of situation. We believe this is an area where youth and adults should work closely together in trying to find some answers.

The use of the Church building for recreation, especially dancing, is one of our hottest points of contention. Although the Kirk Session of St. James had authorized the use of the Church basement for games and recreation, including properly supervised dancing, there was some conscientious opposition to this. Again, the young people do not seem to understand that, because a few people voiced opposition, on the whole the congregation is supporting them.

It is a common complaint among teen-agers that adults in general, and their parents in particular, do not understand them, do not listen to them, and do not effectively communicate with them. In many cases this may be all too true. We, in St. James, however, have demonstrated that young people and adults in the church can sit down and discuss openly and freely with one another, and when this happens only good can come of it. The young people expressed sincere appreciation for this opportunity, and the adults responded in an enthusiastic manner.

The adults, who are most deeply interested in our youth, are concerned that in our great desire to listen to the young people, and in our efforts to give them what they are asking for, we might be giving them what they *want* rather than what they *need*. We are afraid, lest in all our activity and in all our talking and listening, we might be failing to bring these young people to Christ, who is the only One who finally can meet our deepest needs. We want to continue our dialogue with our youth. We want to continue to listen to them, and to incorporate everything that we can of their wishes into our congregational life. At the same time, we must urge upon them a measure of patience, and to let them know that everything that is old and traditional isn't necessarily bad, and that every new thing isn't necessarily good.

In all fairness, some of the charges levelled at the adults are also to be found in the young people. They, too, are sometimes subject to talking without much action, and when pressed to say what they really want, they often do not seem to know. Adults are frequently tempted to become exasperated with the lack of responsibility that seems to us to be prevalent among quite a number of youth. On both sides, there needs to be a sincere effort to understand one another and to try to look at things from the other person's point of view.

If, however, young and old together can press on looking to God in Christ, guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the revolution which is now convulsing us may become the deep and thoroughgoing Reformation, for which we all hope and pray. (The Rev. Grant Muir.)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

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Essays on Presbyterianism in Canada

A Biographical History of The Presbyterian Church of Canada

Compiled by the Centennial Committee of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, this 134-page paper-bound volume has been produced in commemoration of the Centennial of Confederation in Canada. It is a very valuable contribution to the history of our Nation, our Church, and to the literature now being produced for the Centennial Year. This is a book which every member of The Presbyterian Church in Canada should possess and treasure; of which every Canadian Presbyterian should be cognizant. Indeed, it might well be made a gift to each new member who becomes a part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in order that he or she might realize the true worth of the steadfast contributions, made by our Presbyterian predecessors of those early, bygone days, to the growth and development of their beloved Church, and to its witness in the National life of our Canada, during those formative years.

It is dedicated "To The Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of All Who Have Worshipped and Served Their Lord in The Presbyterian Church in Canada." Each Essay forms a Chapter, and these eight Chapters are — "James MacGregor and the Church in the Maritimes", by Dr. Neil G. Smith; "John Cook and the Kirk in Canada", by Dr. W. Stanford Reid; "William Proudfoot and the Secession Churches", by James A. Thomson, B.D.; "James Robertson and the Church in the Prairie Provinces", by Dr. Neil G. Smith, "British Columbia and the Yukon", by Dr. David A. Smith; "The Fathers of 1925", by Professor Allan L. Farris; "Our Overseas Adventures", by Dr. John McNab; and "The Role of Presbyterian Women in Canadian Development", by Priscilla Lee Reid.

In these Chapters we read the wonderful record of the contribution made to the shaping of Presbyterianism in Canada, by these pioneer Church members, Ministers, and settlers, throughout the Western Provinces, including British Columbia and the Yukon; about the men and women who, in 1925, gave firm leadership to the Church in its time of crisis; and about the men and women who went from Canada to serve on Overseas Fields. In the final Chapter, we are told of the many outstanding Presbyterian women who played so vital a role in the work of their Church through the years, as well as in the public life of Canada.

Mrs. Reid, who wrote this final Chapter, is the wife of Dr. W. Stanford Reid, a daughter of the Manse, a member of the W.M.S. Council Executive, and Chairman of the National Committee. She is a graduate of McGill University, and has held many positions of honour, both in Municipal and Church work. Other Authors are, Dr. Neil G. Smith, Librarian of Presbyterian College, Montreal, and, at present, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on History, and Archivist of The Presbyterian Church in Canada; Professor Allan L. Farris, Professor of Church History at Knox College, and, in 1965-66, Moderator of the Presbytery of East Toronto; Dr. John McNab, well-remembered as Editor of The Presbyterian Record from 1946 to 1958; Dr. W. Stanford Reid, Professor of History at the University of Guelph, and, while teaching at McGill University, active in the Presbytery of Montreal; the late Dr. David A. Smith was Superintendent of Missions for The Presbyterian Church of Canada from 1925 until his retirement in 1962. The Rev. James A. Thomson, B.D., whose Essay on "William Proudfoot and the Secession Churches", is based on original research in the Proudfoot Papers, is a graduate of Knox College, and has held Pastorates in Orillia, and in the University Church, Presbytery of West Toronto. Price $ 1.75

FROM FAR FORMOSA

By George Leslie MacKay, D.D.

Edited by the Rev. J. A. MacDonald

For all who know Formosa, "The Island Beautiful", as well as those who know how great was the influence of George Leslie MacKay, the first foreign Missionary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in that land, where he preached his first sermon on December 31st, 1871, this book is a real treasure. It is Dr. MacKay's own record of his life in Formosa, and in the early years in Canada before that, and it was first published in 1895. Out of print at times, this is the fourth edition. It is a thrilling story of a great man, a true soldier of God — a moving story and a perceptive one; which is told with simplicity, candour, and supreme faith. To this great man, the 100-year-old Presbyterian Church of Formosa owes its first seed of beginning, and the interest of The Presbyterian Church in Canada first centred in Formosa with Dr. George Leslie MacKay, whom the Formosans of that time called "The Black-Bearded Barbarian".

The book is splendidly illustrated with many photographs, and explanatory maps, several of these reproduced from sketches made by Dr. MacKay. There is also a good index to the contents of the 36 Chapters. Price $ 2.50

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By Katheryn Knos

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By David Walker

This book is fiction, of course, but it is a lovely, funny, and sometimes poignantly sad, story, which will appeal to almost everyone, I think, but especially to two kinds of readers — those who, some fifteen years ago, read and delighted in "Geordie", the first book written by this Author, and who will always remember it; and those with Scottish blood in their veins, who instinctively respond to the kilts, the lilt of the bagpipes, the life in the glens, the lusty Calvinistic character and background of those dwellers in the glens! "Geordie" was a warm-hearted nostalgic tale, which touched the heart. "Come Back, Geordie", has much of this atmosphere too, but since this is the story of Charlie, the teenage son of Geordie, it depicts very different days in the glens, and in the life and viewpoints of the younger generation, yet retains the inherent heritage of integrity, honour, and charm of that Scotland which is always so dear to her people, no matter where they may dwell. It is most sympathetic, interesting, and excellent, and, as a gift, would be a much-appreciated choice. Price $ 3.95

Boys and Girls!

ANOTHER NEW FRIEND

by FRANCES D. NUGENT

"Are you going to tell us a story today, Aunt Mary?" It was the Explorer day at the church. They were with their missionary friend, Aunt Mary.

"No," said Aunt Mary, with a twinkle in her eye, "but someone else is."

"Who, Aunt Mary? Who?" asked all the children at once.

"A friend of mine," she said. "A friend of yours too. His name is Stephen. His home is in Guyana. But I'm going to let him tell you his own story." With that, she held up an envelope. "Here it is," she said. "He has written a letter to you. Would one of you like to read it to us?"

"I would," said Marjie.

"Good," said Aunt Mary. "Here you are Marjie. Let's hear what Stephen has to say to us."

And so Marjie began:—

"Dear boys and girls in Canada:—

My name is Stephen. I am as old as you are. I live in Guyana. There is jungle all around my village. I have been to a city only once. It was big and noisy. It had many people and big buildings.

I go to school here in my village. It is a small school. It is made of wood and has a metal roof. It has just one room. It is not big enough for all the boys and girls. Some of us have to sit on the floor, because there are no more benches.

My teacher says that we learn many of the same things here that you do in Canada. We learn to read. We learn to write. We learn to do arithmetic. We learn about other countries, too. One day, we learned about Canada. None of us can imagine what snow is like. Perhaps one day, when I am big, I will travel. Then I will go to Canada, and see for myself.

Sometimes, we play games at school. The one I like most is called "rounders". Do you know how to play it? We play it a lot.

Once a week the Missionary comes to our school. We all like that day. After school is over we all have a meeting. She teaches us new songs. She talks to us about Jesus. I like the stories she tells.

The last time she came, the story was about Jesus going to Jerusalem when He was twelve years old. He had so much He wanted to learn. He had so many questions He wanted to ask.

We try to tell other boys and girls in our village about Jesus. Many here are not Christian, you know. They do not believe the things they hear about Jesus. They think idols can help them. And so you see, those of us who are Christian can be Missionaries right here.

I find it hard to write on this paper. Doesn't that sound funny? But it is true. You see, I do not write on paper often. Mostly we use a slate at school. My teacher says you have slates in Canada for toys. Here we have slates instead of scribblers at school. The Missionary gave me this paper, and the envelope, the last time she came. I said I would write to you. The next time she comes she will take it and send it to you.

I am so glad I can read. Grandmother cannot read. She never had the chance to go to school. Sometimes she asks me to read to her from the Bible. I like it when she asks me to read.

Good-bye for now. Perhaps some day I will write to you again.

Your friend,
Stephen."

"What a nice letter," said Peter.

"That game he liked, "rounders", do you know it, Aunt Mary?" asked Janey.

"Yes, I do," she said. "Would you like to learn to play it?"

"Oh, yes," they all said together.

"Very well," said Aunt Mary, "first let's move all the chairs back. This game takes a lot of space. It is something like baseball, but you use your hand instead of a bat, and you use a big ball. Here is a volleyball. We'll use it. We need two teams, and so Peter, you choose one. Tim, you choose the other."

"Now, Peter your team will be up to bat first. Tim, your team will be in the field first. Bill will be catcher; Marjie, pitcher; Ann baseman; and the rest of you will be in the field.

"Peter will be batter first. He must hit at the ball every time it is thrown to him. He will try to hit it with his hand. If he misses three times, he is out. If he hits it, he must run to the base and back again, before the baseman can run and touch him with the ball. The fielders must get the ball to the baseman as fast as they can. If Peter is touched before he gets home, he is out. If not, he will have other turns until he is out. When three batters are out, the teams will change places.

"Sometime, you may want to play this game when there aren't enough for teams. That's all right. Just play it like you play scrub, when there aren't enough to have teams for baseball.

"I like this game," said Peter. "I'm glad Stephen told us about it. We will write to him and say thank you!"

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — Interesting accounts of the National Children's Conference, and the Annual Council Meetings held in Toronto were given by Mrs. Louise Shypitka, the delegate from this

Presbyterial, at a Meeting of the Evening Guild held in the Manse of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook.* Members from the newly-formed Presbyterian Women's Association, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kimberley,* were welcome guests.

The final Study Programme of "Mission, the Christian's Calling" was given at the June Meeting of the W.M.S. Group held in the Church Parlour, with Presbyterial President, Mrs. D. W. Dow, and Mrs. J. Sutherland, Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary, leading the discussions. The Programmes during the year proved to be an intensive Bible Study, provoking discussions on topics of personal, community, and national affairs.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Debbie Wheeler, introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. P. Ruddell, at the "Mother-and-Daughter" Banquet held by the C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* and Mrs. S. McEntyre asked the Blessing. The Toast to the Queen was proposed by Sharon Attridge. Beverley Hunckuk welcomed the Mothers and proposed the Toast, to which Mrs. G. Hunckuk replied. The blue-and-white C.G.I.T. colours decorated the tables. Mrs. P. Ruddell, Guest Speaker, spoke on "What Shape Are You In" Dianne Payson, on behalf of C.G.I.T. members and their Mothers, presented the Leaders with a gift. The Good Cheer Group of the Church provided the Banquet, and they were thanked by Brenda Chase. A Sing-Song together was enjoyed and the singing of "Taps" brought the Banquet to a close.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — Representatives from various organizations of the Church were present when the Explorer Groups of First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* held their Annual Graduation Exercises in the Christian Education Department. Also present were 4 Counsellors, 19 Explorers, Mothers of the Girls, and 7 new Explorers. The Worship Service, preceding the Presentations, was conducted by the Graduating Explorers. "E" Pins, a gift of the Women's Federation of the Church, were presented to Graduates Dona-Rae Callum; Deirdre McKean; Sharon Filleul, each of whom had spent three years in Explorers. Judy McLellan received a Special Pin in place of the "E" Awards. Mrs. J. H. Smith, Vice-President of the Federation, made the presentations, and members of C.G.I.T. took part in the Ceremony.

Miss Jean Williamson, President of Regina Presbyterial, presented a Junior Membership to Dona-Rae Callum, and to Deirdre McKean, and a gift was also presented to

Sharon Filleul. The girls gave a Presentation of their Mission Study, "They Lived Their Love". Greetings from the Church were brought by Dr. Norman D. Kennedy, and Mrs. H. Harvey. Seven new Explorers were received into the Group. Following the Benediction, lunch was served by the girls.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. J. Walton, C.G.I.T. Leader, was in charge when the Re-Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* was held in the Church Hall. Those taking part were Janet Wrigley, Elizabeth Walker, and Joanne Carpenter, and the Service of Dedication was conducted by Mrs. J. Tooke, Presbyterial Secretary for Girl's Work.

Sheila Walton and Linda Van Duyvendyk, graduated from Explorers to C.G.I.T., and this part of the Service was led by Miss E. Murdoch, Presbytery Deaconess, in the absence of Mrs. J. Purdie, Explorer Leader. A Filmstrip, "Let's Meet Doreen", concluded the Meeting. Parents of the C.G.I.T. and Explorer members, and members of the W.M.S. Group attended the Service.

At the Explorer Graduation Service in Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* Chief Explorer, Sheila Haatvedt was Chairman, and Laurie Tregasgis, The Keeper of The Log, summarized the Year's Programme. Scrapbooks, prepared by each member, on the Year's Worship Services, were on display. All members participated in the Worship Service, and, at its conclusion, Brian Clark read the Story, "Homemakers", the final selection of the Mission Study for the Year —"They Lived Their Love". The Keeper of the Treasure, Debbie Burr, received the Collection, after which members presented their "Extra Giving" boxes. The Rev. D. R. Foubister, Guest Speaker, presented Sheila Haatvedt and Laurie Tregasgis with their Certificates and Pins. Mr. and Mrs. W. McIntosh presented a picture to the Explorers, and a new clock for the Church Study was the gift of this year's Explorer Group.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Dorothy Douglas, of *Lucknow,* now retired from her Missionary work in *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Burgoyne,* and gave a graphic account of her work as a High School Teacher, and of the progress made by the Church, and our workers, over the years in *Formosa.* President, Mrs. B. Esplin, presided, and the Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. Stewart Esplin and Mrs. James McIntosh. Mrs. Lennox thanked the Speaker. Refreshments were served following the Meeting.

C.G.I.T. Recognition and Rededication Service was held in Westminster Church, *Paisley*. Four members of the Westminster Wrens graduated — Lynne MacKay, Judith Birrell, Madelene Hay and Norma Jean Dryden. The Worship Service was conducted by Elizabeth Knox, assisted by Lynne MacKay and Madelene Hay. Mrs. John Clark introduced the Graduates, each of whom told of their future plans, and Mr. Harold Birrell presented them with New Testaments, from the Church Session. Mrs. J. Clark presented the silver Pins. Judith Birrell gave a Paper—"C.G.I.T. for the Teen-Age Girl"; Norma Jean Bryden read the Candle-Lighting Poem, and following this the Graduates were addressed by Mrs. Grogan Irving, W.M.S. President; Mrs. James Teeple, Vice President of the Evening W.M.S. Department, Mr. Harold Birrell, Clerk of Session, and the Rev. W. Knox, Minister of the Church, who spoke to the graduates and handed them their lighted candles. The Westminster Wrens, and the *Tiverton* C.G.I.T. members, joined in singing the C.G.I.T. Hymn; White Lanyards were received by Sheila Cumming and Elizabeth Knox.

Mrs. John Bell, of *Walkerton,* introduced by Elizabeth Knox, was Guest Speaker, and the Rev. W. Knox pronounced the Benediction. Norma Jean Bryden expressed the thanks of the Graduates to their Leaders, Mrs. J. Clark, and Mrs. James Hood, and to the Session for their gifts. An Hour of Social Fellowship was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Maynard Cline, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Anderson, presided at the "In Memoriam Service", held by the W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Puce,* in memory of the late Rev. A. B. Ransom, who had served this Congregation for twenty years. Mrs. Cline presented an In Memoriam Certificate, and a portrait of the late Rev. A. B. Ransom, to Mrs. Alfred Leffler, a senior member, on behalf of the Group. Mrs. Roy Leckie closed the Meeting.

During a Morning Service, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Puce,* in March, Miss Elaine Cline presented an In Remembrance Book to this Church, in memory of the late Rev. A. B. Ransom, and this was dedicated by the Rev. C. Boyd.

At the Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of the Presbyterian Church of *Valetta,* Mrs. Maynard Cline, of *Puce,* the Historian for Chatham Presbyterial, was Guest Speaker, and her Theme was "Home Missions". President, Mrs. Don Farquharson, presided, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Carl Grant. A Social Hour over the teacups was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL -- The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church, *Teeswater,* with President, Mrs. G. Sutherland, of *Ripley,* presiding at both Sessions. The Theme was "Hear and Proclaim", and Mrs. T. E. McKinney, of *Teeswater* was Organist. Afternoon Devotions were conducted by Mrs. R. Dickson, Mrs. H. Ballagh, and Mrs. D. McPherson, of *Belmore;* Evening Devotions by Mrs. C. McIntosh, Mrs. N. Dickson, and Mrs. Gordon Doig, of *Molesworth.* An excellent attendance of delegates was welcomed at both Sessions by Mrs. D. Keith, and Mrs. G. Donaldson, of the Fellowship Circle of the Presbyterian Church, in *Teeswater.* Presbytery greetings were brought by the Rev. T. E. MacKinney, of *Teeswater,* who spoke on four Scripture passages dealing with the Theme of the Meetings. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. Roy Cunningham, of *Ethel,* by Mrs. Stanley Fischer, of *Cranbrook,* who stressed Mrs. Cunningham's faithful work as Organist in the *Ethel* Presbyterian Church, as well as her devotion to the work of the W.M.S. for many years. Mrs. John MacKague, of *Teeswater* was Soloist.

Reports were presented by Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. Ford, *Wingham;* Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. E. Currie, *Wingham;* and Treasurer, Mrs. D. R. MacKenzie of *Lucknow.* The Annual Council Meeting, in *Toronto,* was excellently reported by Mrs. Alvin Mundell, of *Belmore,* with special reference to the Kintail Camp, which offered fun, fellowship, and Bible Study, to all who attended. The "In Memoriam Service" was conducted by Mrs. T. E. MacKinney, of *Teeswater,* and the Offering was dedicated by Miss Clara Norman, of *Kincardine.*

Mrs. A. S. Curr, Past President of Council, was Guest Speaker at both Afternoon and Evening Sessions, and gave a wonderful account of her trip to *Formosa* as the Official Representative of Council to attend the Centennial Celebrations in June 1965, of the Presbyterian Church of *Formosa.* In the Evening, Mrs. Curr showed, and spoke to, the beautiful pictures which she had taken of the Celebrations, the lovely country, and the happy Christian people, rejoicing in the faith and fellowship of their beloved Church. Mrs. B. Thomas, of *Bluevale,* introduced Mrs. Curr at both Sessions. At the Evening Service students from *Teeswater* Public School sang three selections, which were most appreciated and enjoyed; the C.G.I.T. members ushered, and took up the Offering, which was dedicated by Mrs. Morgan Henderson, of *Lucknow;* and a welcome visitor from *Manitoba* brought greetings and best wishes from *Manitoba Synodical.* Mrs. G. MacClean, of *Ripley,* thanked all who had contributed to the Programme, and especially the *Teeswater* ladies, for their hospitality.

Mrs. James Reid, *Kincardine,* closed the Meetings with Prayer.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — When a combined Missionary Evening and Designation Service was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wyoming,* Mrs. G. A. Dewar and Mrs. Roy Williamson welcomed members and guests, and the Rev. Ernest Herron, Minister of the Church conducted the Service. The Guest Speaker was the Rev. J. E. Sutherland, of *Taiwan, Formosa,* where he teaches Hebrew and other Old Testament subjects in Taiwan Theological College, *Taipei, Formosa.* He also manages finances and property for the Canadian Presbyterian Church in *Formosa,* and serves on the Board of Happy Mount Leprosy Colony. Mr. Sutherland brought a vivid picture of the Church of *Formosa,* and the harmony between all Christian workers there. Mrs. Ollie Johnson, sang a Solo, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Leslie McDonald.

Miss Jean Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Smith, of *Wyoming,* and a recent Graduate Deaconess from Ewart College, *Toronto,* was designated by the Rev. H. L. Jost, of *Alvinston,* Moderator of Sarnia Presbytery. Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed. Principal of Ewart College pinned the insignia pin of the Order of Deaconesses, on Miss Smith, and Miss E. L. McClelland, National President of the W.M.S. (W.D.), presented Miss Smith with a copy of the Bible. The Address to the new Deaconess was delivered by the Rev. Ernest Herron. Little Misses Karen and Joan Johnson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Johnson, presented a bouquet of pink carnations to Miss Smith on behalf of the Sunday School pupils; Mrs. Roy Gillatley, on behalf of the Pioneer W.M.S. Group, presented her with a gift of money; and a purse of money was also presented to Miss Smith, by Mr. Kenneth Gillatley, on behalf of the congregation. President, Mrs. R. S. Burnham, brought greetings from Hamilton and London Synodical.

Miss Elizabeth Richardson, a member of the Cuthbertson W.M.S. Group since 1908, was presented with an Honorary Membership, by Mrs. Allen Johnson on behalf of the Group, and Mrs. G. Dewar, President of the Group presented the Life Membership Pin to Miss Richardson. A Reception was held following the conclusion of the Service, when refreshments were served by the members of the Cuthbertson and Pioneer W.M.S. Groups. Miss Smith, who was born in Wyoming, and received her early education there, graduated from Ewart College in April of this year, and is at present under appointment to the National Staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in *Canada.*

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL—The Rally of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Huntsville,* commenced with Communion Service, conducted by the Rev. G. F. Poff, B.A., assisted by five Elders. Presbyterial President, Mrs. Ross Adams, presided and, assisted by Group Presidents Mrs. R. McNair, and Mrs. S. Culham, welcomed Delegates. "I am come that they may have life", was the Rally Theme. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. B. Noon; Mrs. T. C. McNeice, of *Gravenhurst;* Mrs. C. Boyes, *Vankoughnet;* Mrs. G. Poff and Miss Robson, *Huntsville.* Soloist was Mrs. E. G. R. Rogers, accompanied by Mrs. Clyde Armstrong. Mrs. A. S. Curr, Past President of the W.M.S. (W.D.) was Guest Speaker, and told of her Centennial visit to beautiful *Taiwan.* Mrs. E. McClung, *Elmvale* gave an inspiring Meditation, "Praying Hands". Others taking part were Mrs. D. Hammond, *Thornbury,* and Mrs. R. H. McKee.

At the 67th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Afternoon Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Huntsville,* Life Membership Certificates were presented to Mrs. G. F. Poff and Mrs. E. G. R. Rogers. Miss Maude Edgerton was in charge of the Social Hour, and Mrs. Edith Wright cut the Birthday Cake. Mrs. G. F. Poff led the Devotional Period, and also accompanied a Duet sung by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Rogers.

In June, the W.M.S. Group of Fraser Presbyterian Church, *Tottenham,* celebrated a 75th Anniversary, when Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College, *Toronto,* read the Scripture Lesson, and gave an Address on "Christian Vocation. President Mrs. George Forbes, presided; Mrs. Bell gave the Group History since its beginning in 1891; and a Quartette of Junior Church members sang an Anthem, accompanied by Mrs. Mallion. Shaped in figure 75, the Birthday Cake, specially made by Group Member, Mrs. Murray, was cut by Mrs. Jos Donnan. Mrs. L. Leggett was Tea Assistant. Greetings and congratulations were conveyed by the Rev. George Bell from the congregation; President, Mrs. Ross Adams, from the Presbyterial; Mr. G. B. Mallion, from Kirk Session; Mrs. George Abernithy from visitors and members.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The Willing Workers W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* recently celebrated their 90th Anniversary. They are the oldest continuing Auxiliary of the W.M.S. (W.D.) in Canada, and Miss Vera R. Carson is their President. The Rev. Dr. Fitch, Pastor, brought greetings from Kirk Session, and the Rev. J. M. Laird, Pastor Emeritus, conducted the Worship Service. Greetings were presented by President Mrs. Fred Black from Toronto-Kingston Synodical; Mrs. Head, President of East Toronto Presbyterial; Miss Helen Sinclair, President of Mildred Gehman W.M.S. Evening Group of Knox Church; and the Moderator of East Toronto Presbytery. Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, former Welcome and Welfare Secretary on Council Executive, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented a Junior Life Membership to Anita Tyukeei, and a Seal to Elizabeth Tikanyi, who brought greetings from her Group. An Honorary Membership, presented, in absentia, to Miss Maud Lehman, by Mrs. Wm. Fitch, President of Knox Afternoon W.M.S. Group, was received by Miss Isobel Keay. Accompanied by Mrs. Gladys Maddock at the organ, Mrs. Carol Kerr was Soloist. Mrs. A. S. Curr, then President of the W.M.S. (W.D.) was Guest Speaker, and the Rev. George A. Lowe, Assistant Pastor pronounced the Benediction.

At the Reception in Gordon Hall, Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Honorary President, cut the Anniversary Cake, and Mrs. Bernice Tighe, Past President, gave the Group History. Tea was poured by Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Mary Hamilton, and Miss Pauline Essler, Deaconess, assisted by the Young Peoples Association and the Young Adults Group, who also provided transportation for Senior members. The Offering was divided between the *Bhil Field, India* and the *White Fish Bay* Indian Reserve, *Manitoba.*

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — Almost 100 attended the Rally of this Presbyterial in St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, *Madoc,* when the Theme was "Opportunity" — "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men", (Galations 6:10) — and the Guest Speaker was Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., now retired from her many years of Missionary work in *Formosa.* President, Mrs. J. Wallace, *West Huntingdon,* gave the Call to Worship, and Mrs. G. H. Lyons, *Kingston,* conducted the Worship Service. On behalf of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, *Madoc,* Mrs. J. Bailey welcomed Delegates and visitors; Miss K. McFarlane, *Kingston,* reported for Synodical and Mrs. W. H. L. Smith, *Kingston,* gave the Treasurer's Report. Highlights of Council were presented by Mrs. W. Weir, *Belleville,* and Mrs. J. McInroy spoke on the Literature Display.

The Afternoon Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. J. B. Miller and Mrs. Grant Develin, *Belleville,* and Mrs. Milton Shaw, *West Huntingdon,* sang, accompanied by Miss Bessie Fleming, *West Huntingdon.* Miss Frieda Matthews, *Belleville,* introduced Miss Hermanson, who showed coloured slides, and gave an interesting Address of W.M.S. work in *Formosa.* Mrs. Bert Cook, *Sterling,* presented the thanks of the Meeting. A "Question Box" followed, conducted by Miss Matthews. Mrs. Manthorpe, *Roslin,* told of her week at the W.M.S. Training Centre at Albert College, *Belleville.* Rev. V. Tozier, *Madoc,* closed the Rally with prayer.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Clarence Veale, presided at the Rally of Lindsay Presbyterial in the Presbyterian Church, *Beaverton,* and opened the Sessions with the Call to Worship and Prayer. Other Groups taking part were *Kirkfield, Bobcaygeon, Lindsay, Beaverton* and *Wick.* With the exception of *Zephyr,* all Groups of Presbyterial were represented. One Hundred members registered, and the Theme was "Opportunity". Mrs. Randall, Synodical Evening Department Secretary, was Soloist in the Afternoon, and in the evening spoke on "Being Witnesses for Christ". C.G.I.T. members of the Presbyterial led Evening Devotions, and formed a massed Choir. Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, spoke on the future plans for W.M.S. work, with special stress on the part of C.G.I.T. members in this work. The Rev. G. H. Moore, Uxbridge, brought Presbytery greetings, and closed the Rally with the Benediction.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Burk's Falls,* when President, Mrs. G. F. Bailey was returned to Office. Members were present from *Sudbury, Magnetawan, Massey, North Bay, Parry Sound,* and *Burk's Falls,* and the Parry Sound W.M.S. Group conducted morning Worship Service, with Mrs. A. Logan taking Scripture, Prayer and Meditation. The Rev. M. A. Marks, Superintendent of Missions on the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, brought greetings from the Presbytery of *North Bay and Algoma.* Miss Athalie Read, of *Guyana,* was Guest Speaker, and in her Address, told of the Rev. John Morton, Presbyterian Minister from *Trinidad,* who went to *British Guiana* in 1864, discovered the dire need for education, and with the aid of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* brought both the schools and the Gospel to the six races which occupy that land. In 1963, the last Primary School, founded there by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was turned over to the *Guianese* Government. Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, presented the Secretaries Reports. Officers were installed by the Rev. M. A. Mark.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — When Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, spent two weeks in this Presbyterial, she spoke at many W.M.S. Meetings and also at a C.G.I.T. Meeting in *Harriston,* when the Musical selections were given by C.G.I.T. girls from *Harriston* and *Holstein.* A final Meeting, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Arthur,* was held for all Adult Presbyterial Groups, when the amalgamation with Guelph Presbyterial was discussed. At a special Meeting sponsored by the W.M.S. Group of *Fairbain,* and held in their Church, the Rev. Wallace Janks, from a Mission Field in *Venezuela, South America,* was Guest Speaker. Former residents of this district, the Rev. and Mrs. Janks, on furlough, work with an Indian tribe, who have remained remote from the world, and live in primitive conditions still, although they do speak Spanish. They have no regard for human life, but have never harmed the Missionaries. Temperature, ranging from 80° to 115°, make perishable foods taboo, but the Missionaries have food shipped in for their families, over a distance of 250 miles by boat. The natives subsist almost entirely on bananas.

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL—The Women's Missionary Group, and the S.O.M. Group of the Women's Association of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kirkland Lake,* recently honoured the memory of two late Charter Members of that Church—Mrs. Jessie Peever and Mrs. Jessie McPhee. The W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is now known as the Jessie McPhee Auxiliary of the W.M.S., and the S.O.M. group of the Women's Association is now known as the Jessie Peever Group of the Women's Association of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Mrs. McPhee and Mrs. Peever contributed greatly to the work of both Organizations, and the women of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kirkland Lake* are happy to commemorate their names in this tangible way.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—At the 75th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maple,* attractively-bound Histories of the Auxiliary—1891-1966 were given out. Two Anthems were sung by the Church Choir, and Council President Mrs. A. S. Curr brought a brief message. The Guest Speaker was the Rev. D. T. Evans, Pastor of *Thornhill* Presbyterian Church, and Chairman of the General Board of Missions, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. At the close of the Service a Display of Pictures, Record Books, and Programmes of Years Gone By, aroused much interest. The History of this Auxiliary revealed that the first Treasurer, Miss Annie Walkington, held office for 31 years; her successor, Mrs. R. D. MacNaughton was Treasurer for 25 years; Mrs. G. Matheson was Secretary for 15 years; Mrs. J. B. McLean was Secretary for 14 years. Fifty-four Life Memberships have been presented through the years, and since 1961, Pins have accompanied the framed certificates. Candles gleamed on the Birthday Cake, and Tea Hostesses were Mrs. G. Matheson; Mrs. R. D. MacNaughton;

Mrs. A. Rumble; and Mrs. C. H. Snider.

The Annual Meeting of Section Three of West Toronto Presbyterial was held in Caven Presbyterian Church, *Bolton,* with Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, the Guest Speaker. Mrs. W. B. Cross, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Nobleton,* presided for the Meeting, which followed a Dessert Luncheon prepared by the *Bolton* Auxiliaries. Representatives from two Afternoon and five Evening Groups were present, and Reports were received from each. Miss Alma Cheyne was presented with a small gift, on her retirement as Treasurer of West Toronto Presbyterial. Mrs. P. R. Pepper, Literature Secretary had a good Display of new books. Mrs. S. A. Milne, B.A., President of Presbyterial brought greetings from West Toronto Presbyterial, and Mrs. M. Jess was Soloist, with organ accompaniment of Mrs. Glen Davis, *Bolton.*

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LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The Western Sectional Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Cobden,* with Mrs. Harland Dunlop, and Mrs. Kenneth May presiding, and Mrs. T. W. Caldwell, Secretary. The Theme was verse 16, 10th Chapter of St. John, and Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. J. D. Jack, Mrs. Archie Horner, Mrs. Clarence Dennison, and Mrs. Stewart Sutherland. President, Miss Dorothy Dodds, brought Presbyterial greetings, and Auxiliary Reports were given by *Pembroke, Ross, Cobden* and *Scotland.* Miss Dodds reported the Annual Council Meetings, and Executive Reports were also received.

Guest Speaker, Mrs. William Reid, of *Renfrew,* was introduced by Mrs. R. K. Earls, and spoke on "Channels of Power." The Remembrance Service was conducted for Mrs. Thomas Eckford, Mrs. Alex Drynon, and Mrs. W. L. Stevens — three faithful late members from *Cobden.* Mrs. Stanley Gemmill reported on the *Belleville* W.M.S. Training Centre, and Mrs. J. D. Jack had an excellent Book Display. Mrs. George Valliant thanked the *Cobden* ladies for the bountiful dinner, and their cordial hospitality.

The Central Section of this Presbyterial met in *Stewartville* Presbyterian Church, and President, Mrs. Hugh Cochrane, of *Arnprior,* presided. Synodical and Executive Reports were presented, and representatives reported from *Arnprior, Renfrew, White Lake, Lochwinnoch,* and *Stewartville* Auxiliaries. A Service of Remembrance for departed members was held. President, Miss Dorothy Dodds, reported the Annual Council Meeting and Mrs. H. M. Clancey was Guest Speaker. Her Theme was Chapter 3, verses 13 and 14, of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Two delegates attended the *Belleville* W.M.S. Training School, and a Picnic was planned at *Gracefield Camp* for early September.

At the Sectional Meeting held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *McDonald's Corners,* Mrs. Orville Forrester presided, and Mrs. Lloyd Clement was Secretary. Miss Arthena Spalding, of *Perth,* conducted the morning Devotions, and Miss Dorothy Dodds, President, brought greetings from Presbyterials. Auxiliary Reports were received from *Elphin, Snow Road,* and *McDonald's Corners,* and Executive Reports were also given. Mrs. Harry Stinson conducted the Afternoon Devotional, on the subject, "Our Foundations." Synodical highlights were given by Mrs. Ted Oxtobee. Mrs. Walter Williams was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas Richmond.

Council Delegate, Mrs. N. R. Dunlop, reported on "Overseas Missions," and told of the Missionaries from Overseas who were present at the Council Meetings. Miss Dorothy Dodds, also a Council Delegate, stressed the need for Christian Literature, and described the joint Evening Presentations given by the National, Overseas, Organization, Publications, and Treasurer's Departments — "One Foundation — Many Builders," and "Blueprints and Tools for Building." The proposed W.M.S. Centennial Project is by "prayer, programme and people" to increase W.M.S. membership.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Meeting of Ottawa Presbyterial, held in *Gloucester* Presbyterian Church, President, Mrs. S. J. Kennett, presided at the Morning Session, and the Worship Service was conducted by the St. Martin's W.M.S. Group. The Theme of the Meeting was "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength".

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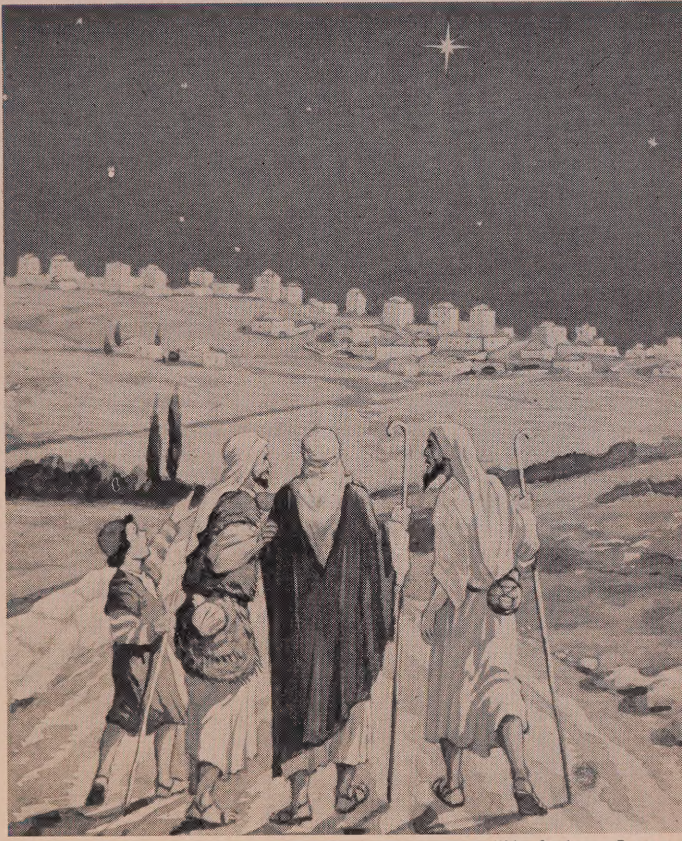

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The Light of All The World!"
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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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Dr. Dean Johnston

(The Rev. Geoffrey Dean Johnston, C.D., M.B.E., M.A., D.D. was elected to the highest office in The Presbyterian Church in Canada — that of Moderator of the 92nd General Assembly — at the Meeting of General Assembly held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last June. For the past 34 years he has been — and continues to be — the beloved Minister of Central Presbyterian Church in Brantford, Ontario, the largest congregation in the Presbytery of Paris, with over a thousand communicant members. For 12 years he was Chairman of the General Board of Missions, during which time he not only travelled all across Canada, but also visited Formosa, Japan, British Guiana, and Trinidad.

His own idea of Mission embraces not only his own environment, but the whole wide world of need and Christian opportunity.

Dr. Johnston, until his recent retirement from the militia, served as an Army Chaplain for 27 years, and saw service in England, Italy, France, Holland and Belgium before he was demobilized. For his service overseas, he was awarded the M.B.E. He was Senior Chaplain of the 5th Canadian Armoured Division, and the Canadian Forces Decoration and clasp were won as Chaplain of the 56th Regiment (Militia). For his steadfast and extensive contribution to the life and work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through his active membership in many boards and committees, in 1955, the Honorary Degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Knox College. Dr. Johnston was born in Dublin, Ireland, where for 38 years, his father was Minister of Abbey Presbyterian Church. His own son, Geoffrey, is one of our Presbyterian Ministers, serving in Nigeria, and his daughter Marjorie, also in Nigeria, is the wife of Murray Ross, the first Missionary Architect to be sent out by our Presbyterian Church in Canada.)

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2 - 19).

WHEN THE WISE MEN had gathered themselves and their caravan together, and departed for their own country; when the Shepherds had returned to their fields glorifying and praising God; Mary was left in Bethlehem with the care of the baby. She was not allowed to rest for very long, for soon Joseph hurried her away to Egypt. It must have been a long, hard journey for Mary, and a lonely one too, for the Holy Family were flying for their lives from vengeful and wicked men.

We are told that Mary spent a great deal of time thinking about all that had happened, that she pondered the events leading up to the Nativity, and the astonishing occurrences of that wondrous night, "in her heart". Apart from Joseph, in those first days, there was really nobody to whom she could talk about what had happened, and even later, in Nazareth, there is no indication, except for the incident in the Temple when Jesus was twelve years old, that he was anything other than a normal child of poor parents. Yet he *was* different! What explanation could there be for the completely abnormal circumstances surrounding his birth. These were just out of this world.

This was probably the first conclusion that Mary came to, as she thought things over — that the unseen world was very real, and very near. All the events from the appearance to her of the Angel Gabriel, to the arrival of the Wise Men guided by a Star, would lead her to feel that all around her there was a world which was no less real because she was unconscious of its presence. Is not this one of the things that Christmas tells us? Is not this one of the things for which we should be glad in these Advent Days? Life is not easy for any of us, and for some it seems unreasonably hard. It is often lonely, and, as our friends slip away into the shadows, we find ourselves sometimes in increasing isolation. Then comes to us the glad thought that the world which we know, is not the *only* world, and that beyond the flickering light cast by the campfires of our pilgrimage, kind eyes are watching us.

It is doubtful if Mary really understood who and what Jesus was, until after the Resurrection, but she must have come to another conclusion in those early days, that somehow God was in this child. The Angel Gabriel had told her that, and she had accepted his message without question. But how could this be? Was this helpless child calling out for love as all children do? Was this God? She could not understand, but we may be sure that she gave the child the love of her heart. This much she could do. Whoever or whatever this child was, that had been given to her, it needed love and this she could give.

This, too, we can do. We can love the Christ. Into the mystery of the Incarnation we can no more enter fully than we can enter into the mystery of our Redemption. These are the mighty acts of God. Yet we do not need to understand to accept, and here is something that we *can* understand. God wants our love and, for some strange reason that we cannot understand, He loves us all. We catch a glimpse of this love on that day when Christ wept over Jerusalem, saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathers its chickens under its wing but ye would not." The word of Christmas to us is not only that God loves us, but that He wants our love in return.

As we give our gifts; as we gather as families in our homes; as we worship the newborn Christ; this Christmas time, like Mary, let us ponder these things in our hearts. First, that we are not strangers and aliens in a transient world, but citizens of a country the hours of which do not grow old. Second, that the law of that everlasting Kingdom is the law of Love. Secure in these convictions, we Christian folk can rejoice, and wish to all our friends a Happy Christmas.

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PRAYER

by MISS MARGARET BOYD

Regional Secretary for Montreal and Ottawa

O GOD, WHO SENT THY SON, JESUS, by whom Thou hast declared Thy love to all men, help us to come to Thee in the midst of the joys of this season. Give us thankful hearts, and accept our praise for the gift of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank Thee that He did come to earth; that He lived among men; that He ministered to them and showed the way of life. May we welcome Him with gladness, and make room for Him in our common days, that we may live at peace with our fellow men and in goodwill with all Thy family.

Our blessed Lord, give us grace that we may put away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. Grant Thy pardon, that we so easily allow ourselves to become caught up in activities that tend to make us feel little need of Thee. Make us aware of Thy presence and Thy love.

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for the high heritage of joyous song, and we pray that, as the tidings of Christmas joy ring out over our land, we may truly worship Thee, in the spirit of praise and adoration.

Help us to find many ways to add to the joy of Christmas time in our homes, and in our communities, by sharing what we have with those who are in need. Let our hearts be filled with compassion and a spirit of generosity, as we seek to serve Thee and make known Thy love.

Fill our souls with tenderness to children everywhere; may they know and understand that, in them, Thy image may shine brightly. Guide and guard the mothers of this land and of every land, that they may be led by Thy spirit to show their little ones the ways of righteousness and love.

Help us all to celebrate this season of joy in ways acceptable to Thee, in our worship, in obedience, and in our gifts to Thee. May we never forget that Thou hast come to dwell among us and, indeed, that Thou art here. Grant that the gladness and good cheer of Christmas may go with us as we leave this place of worship, and may joy dwell in our hearts, and show itself in our lives through all the days.

With the attitude of Christ we pray. Amen.

BEYOND HIS DREAMS!

A CHRISTMAS STORY

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

(The inspiration for this lovely story came to Miss Reith as she looked at our Cover Picture, and thought of the wonder and awe of the young lad, who went with the Shepherds as they followed the Star to Bethlehem — the City of his dreams. Ed.)

EVER SINCE he could remember, David had cherished a dream — a dream of going to Bethlehem. He had been born, and had lived all of his eleven years, in Jerusalem. It was not very far to Bethlehem, and in comparison with Jerusalem it was but a small town, nevertheless to David, Bethlehem was a very special place.

David had heard many stories about Bethlehem, for his father and mother had been born there. Never, as they read the scriptures, was King David mentioned, but his father reminded him that Bethlehem was the "City of David," and never was the beautiful story of Ruth and Boaz told, but his mother recalled that they, too, had lived in Bethlehem. When times were hard, and his father complained of the Roman rule, his mother would say, "Things will change when Messiah comes," and David would ask, "Will Messiah come to Bethlehem?" and always his mother replied, "I am sure He will".

Now David was on his way south to Bethlehem. When the decree was issued that everyone must register in his own village to be taxed, his father and mother prepared to go to Bethlehem, and it was agreed that David go with them. His mother packed a lunch, and they set out in the morning to walk the five miles to Bethlehem. There were many travellers on the way, and progress was slow as relatives and friends visited, but at last in the afternoon they arrived in Bethlehem — the city of David's dreams. David's family was warmly welcomed by his aunt and cousins — his uncle, a shepherd, was out on the hills with the sheep. David wished he could go there, and was delighted when, on in the afternoon, his older cousin, Andrew, invited him to go with him to take some lunch to the shepherds. Andrew laughingly said, "This house is crowded, but there is lots of room on the hillsides. We can help watch the sheep tonight. King David was a shepherd; you should be a shepherd too!"

Andrew and David set out. There were many people on the roads, hastening toward Bethlehem as the sun sank lower in the west. Among the travellers, they met a man on foot leading a small donkey on which rode a young woman. As they met, the man stopped and asked, "Can you tell me, lads, where is the nearest Inn? It is late and my wife is very tired." Andrew gave directions, and the waiting David stroked the donkey's nose. Looking up into the woman's face, he thought, "How beautiful she is! Next to mother, I think she is the most beautiful lady I have ever seen! But she looks so tired." Impulsively, he reached into the little bag his mother had filled with dates and figs for him to eat by the way. "Please, lady, take some, they help me when I'm tired!" The woman smiled and graciously received them from the grubby hand. "Thank you, lad, and bless you for your kindness. That and the fruit will help me on the way."

They said "Goodbye", and David added, "I hope there is room for you in the Inn." As they hurried along over the hillsides, Andrew shook his head. "It is very late and Bethlehem is more than full. I hope the old Innkeeper has a kind heart, and will make room, even if there isn't any, for them!"

The shepherds welcomed them, saying to David — "With a name like that you should be a real shepherd! What are you doing living in Jerusalem?" This made David very happy, and no meal ever had tasted as good as the frugal one he shared with the shepherds on the hillside. As the evening shadows lengthened, the air grew cold and a small fire was kindled; the sheep were herded around, and the shepherds drew together near the fire. What tales they told — of lost and rescued sheep, of wise and foolish ones, and of the Good Shepherd, who cared for shepherds with even greater love than they cared for their sheep. When, they wondered, would the promised Messiah come?

It had been a long day and the voices grew fainter and fainter as David drifted into sleep, wondering if the beautiful lady had found a place to rest. It seemed but a few minutes when he was awakened. How bright it was! Was the night over! Dazedly he looked around. The shepherds looked afraid. They were shading their eyes, and then he heard a voice — "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” Then music, glorious music, but David was tugging at Andrew’s sleeve, “Come, hurry, let’s go to Bethlehem!” With his childlike trust he believed what the voice said, and accepted the invitation. His uncle and the other shepherds talked briefly, then in two’s and three’s began to hasten towards the town.

It was David who first, in the unusual light, distinguished the large, low-hanging star. “See,” he called, “See the star. Hurry, it’s moving. It will show us where to go!” So, stumbling in their eagerness and fear, the others hastened after the boy.

As they came closer to the town, Andrew whispered, “The Star is right over it.” “Over what?” asked David. “Over the Inn I told them about. No, it isn’t either — it is over the stable behind the Inn. Surely the Messiah would not come to that old stable!” But David scarcely heard the last part of Andrew’s comments. Running faster and faster, he reached the stable entrance and went in. There was the little donkey, the man, and the beautiful lady bending over the manger. David drew near, and looked in awe and wonder at the tiny Child. He was no longer standing; he was on his knees. He felt a hand touch his head for an instant, and the lady’s voice, “I’m glad you came, my friend. Always remember what you have heard and seen this night.” “How could he forget!”, thought David, “He had dreamed of Bethlehem — but how far beyond his dreams this night had been. He must run quickly and tell his mother and father, that indeed the Messiah had come. The Christ was born, and in their own Bethlehem — the city of David!”

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HOW LOVELY!

by Marjorie Cunningham

How lovely are the hands that help another,
Be he a stranger, foe, a friend or brother;
How lovely are the feet that bring good news,
It matters not, in rich or shabby shoes!
How lovely are the lips that say kind things,
Their healing is as swift as angel’s wings!
How lovely are the eyes of young or old
Whose depths, the beauty of the soul unfold!

ON THE STAIRWAY OF LEARNING

A Story of the Mid-India Board of Examiners Graduate School for Nurses, Indore

by MISS PAULINE P. BROWN, Reg.N., B.Sc.N.

"WE SHOULD PRAISE GOD for the opportunity that He gives us, so that we can develop personally, socially, professionally, and spiritually. At one time, I was afraid of teaching, but then I became interested in teaching, and an opportunity was given to me to take the Graduate Course in Indore, where I could be prepared for teaching Nurses."

The foregoing paragraph was written by one of the 1955 students of the Mid-India Board of Examiners Graduate School for Nurses, at the time of her graduation. It could be quoted, in some modified form, by most of the Nurses who have passed through this School since its inception, some 20 years ago.

Some changes have taken place since then. The number of students has increased by more than double, with a resultant necessary increase in staff; the 'home' of the School has changed from Bilaspur to Indore; the School has been recognized officially, by both the Central and State Governments, and is also one of the Graduate Schools listed in the World Health Organization Manuals. And now we are looking forward to having a new school-cum-living quarters, which is nearly completed. This three-storied building is being erected on the Christian Hospital compound in Indore. The site and building have been given by the Malwa Church Council, and the United Church of Canada. They are generous gifts indeed. It will be wonderful to have a permanent home for the School.

We are certain that God has led and blessed this work, for it has prospered, and been a source of help to many. As most of you know, M.I.B.E. Graduate School for Nurses is the only one in India, giving education in Hindi, at the graduate level, to nurses. Students come from, and return to, all corners of the country, better prepared to be leaders in their chosen specialized fields of nursing, be that Administration, Education, or Public Health. Some of them are on Mission, or Christian Hospital, Scholarships; others come independently; while a great number are sent from Government institutions. Christians — both Protestant and Roman Catholic — Seventh Day Adventists, Hindus, Muslims, and Jews, study and live together, and in the intimacy of their six or twelve months' sojourn, they learn to understand better, and appreciate more, the qualities of one another.

There have been many names connected with the School — people who have given generously of themselves, so that the institution might prosper to His glory. It would be impossible to mention them all, but Ruth Mitchell of Bilaspur, Louise Scott, of Indore, and Bessie McMurchy, will always be intimately connected with our thoughts of the School. In His wisdom, our Lord brought forward far-sighted, generous, and gentle, women, to show the way. These, and so many other women, shall not be forgotten.

We members of the Presbyterian Church have a big stake in the M.I.B.E. School. We are committed to support it, both with funds and personnel, and, as you know, at the present time Miss Suchila Patras, a member of staff, is studying for the Masters Degree in Nursing, at the University of Western Ontario, preparatory to returning to the School. Here on the Field, a number of members of staff have taken up senior positions after completing studies at Indore. Miss Suzanna Tezlo, the Senior Nurse in the Mobile Units; Mrs. Chandraprabha Fozal, the Assistant Director of Nursing Education; and Mrs. Aksha Wilson, the Assistant Director of Nursing Services, are to mention only three.

We are proud of the School, and one has only to read the last paragraph of the Article, written by the same student quoted at the beginning, to know that the M.I.B.E. Graduate School for Nurses is fulfilling its purpose —

"From the Ward Sister Course, and the Sister Tutor Course, I have learned that knowledge is immeasurable. Its depth can hardly be explored. Nevertheless, this graduate study has brought us to the foot of the stairway of learning, where we can see the distinct shining of the light of knowledge, which shows the way for our forward steps. Therefore, it is my belief that any Nurse, who wishes to grow in her profession, would find these Courses very beneficial, in increasing her knowledge of Nursing, and Nursing Education."

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

And they who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angel song,
"Today, the Prince of Peace is born."
(James Russell Lowell)

OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

MISS CATHERINE POLSON was married on Saturday, October 15th to Mr. Clarence McMullen. The wedding took place in Mendha.

Mr. McMullen has been on the staff of the Missionary Language School for Northern India. He will be working with the American Lutheran Church in the Province of Bihar in Eastern India. His work there will be largely in the field of translation.

Miss Catherine Polson, R.N.

Mrs. McMullen, while she was a member of our staff, served with the Mobile Medical Unit operating out of Mendha. She has worked there for two years, following a little over a year in language school. The period in which she has served has been one in which the mobile units have been called upon to give very wide leadership in the economic life programme. Mrs. McMullen has helped Miss White in a programme of agriculture, of food distribution as well as in the clinic work and the teaching programme that is part of the Mobile Medical Unit job.

I am sure that Mrs. McMullen's many friends in Canada will wish her well in her new life in India.

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 1966

	1965	1966
British Columbia	$ 7,611.58	$ 6,998.30
Alberta	7,083.73	6,875.08
Saskatchewan	6,143.67	5,492.79
Manitoba	6,234.18	6,307.38
Hamilton and London	62,858.76	64,393.70
Toronto and Kingston	58,141.00	64,072.44
Montreal and Ottawa	34,100.00	32,719.58
	$182,172.92	$186,859.27

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Alice Currie	Presbyterian, Nottawa	Barrie
Mrs. Gordon Millar	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. P. G. Howard	St. Andrew's, Whitby	East Toronto
Miss Beatrice Barkley	Riverdale, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. James W. Dickson	Glenview, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. James Malcolm	St. Andrew's, Markham	East Toronto
Mrs. Rachel (Farquhar) MacRae (in her 90th year)	St. Andrew's, Avonmore	Glengarry
Mrs. Frederick Steep	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. Richard Kenyon	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. J. Kitchen	Duff's, Punslinch	Guelph
Mrs. Arthur Bush	Presbyterian, Smithville	Hamilton
Mrs. B. Willey	St. Andrew's, Merritton	Hamilton
Mrs. John H. Marshall	Knox, Burlington	Hamilton
Mrs. Robert Kinghan	St. John, Hamilton	Hamilton
Miss Janet W. Hopkins	St. John, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. W. R. Montgomery (In her 97th year)	St. Andrew's, Lachine	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. G. J. Bolton	New St. James, London	London
Mrs. Velma L. Hartwick	New St. James, London	London
Miss May McDiarmid	St. John's Medicine Hat	MacLeod
Mrs. John Hanna	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. Percy Marsh	St. Giles, Baie D'Urfé	Montreal
Mrs. Wm. Kelly (a Past President of Saskatchewan Synodical)	Knox, Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
Mrs. R. T. Whitelaw	Knox, Woodstock	Paris
Mrs. Thomas Peattie	Knox, Brantford	Paris
Mrs. D. Ross McKay	St. Paul's, Port Hope	Peterborough
Miss Agnes Bell	St. Paul's, Peterborough	Peterborough
Mrs. Frank McIntyre	Knox, Thedford	Sarnia
Mrs. R. Munro	First, New Westminster	Westminster
Mrs. S. A. McFadden	Morningside, Swansea	West Toronto
Miss Mary Cameron Johnstone	First, Winnipeg	Winnipeg

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES AMONG UKRAINIANS

by (MRS. M.) JULIA FESENKO

UKRAINE is one of the richest countries in Europe. It lies along the north shore of the Black Sea, and the Sea of Azov. Further to the south are the Carpathian Mountains, with Poland on the west, and Russia on the north. The population of Ukraine is about 35 million.

Ukraine is considered to be the wheat basket of Europe. The soil is very rich, and the climate is ideal. Summers are long and warm, while winters are cold, and of short duration. Ukrainians in Europe are mainly farmers, thus their activities centre, to a great extent, on farm life. They are proud of their culture, their history, and their language.

The first Ukrainian pioneers came to Canada seventy-five years ago, and settled mostly in Western Canada. The life of our pioneers was filled with hardships and privations in the beginning. In those years, people received no help from either the welfare institutions or the government. Ukrainian people depended on their own ingenuity and physical stamina, in order to till the land with what few facilities they possessed.

With each passing year, the farmers cleared more land for planting and seeding grain, and raised more stock. The settlers lived close to one another, always ready to give a helping hand in time of need.

Ukrainian people left their homes in Europe mainly because of foreign oppression, and lack of land in the Western Provinces of the Ukraine. In Canada, they found liberty, and great opportunities for a better life for themselves and their children. Ukrainian pioneers were among those who turned the Western prairies of Canada into vast wheat fields. They also valued education highly, and their children are now serving Canada in every profession. Ukrainian Canadians participate actively in the political life of our country, and are represented in provincial and federal governments.

Ukrainians brought many of their own distinctive customs to Canada. To them, the most colourful and joyous time is the Yuletide Season. It is a time when families are reunited at the Christmas Supper. They come from far and near to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Long before Christmas, the family

begins to prepare for the festive season. Those on farms prepare for the occasion, according to their traditional custom. Those living in cities, have accepted changes to suit their surroundings.

Christmas Eve supper is unique in a Ukrainian home. It consists of twelve Lenten dishes, symbolic of the twelve apostles. Each dish is prepared without meat or dairy products. It is called "Sviata Vechera" (Holy Supper).

The festive table is set according to custom. First, a few sprigs of sweet-smelling hay are spread on the table. Some hay is strewn under the table, in honour of the birth of the Christ Child. Then the best, snow-white tablecloth is spread on the table. A beautifully braided, golden loaf of bread (kolach) is placed in the centre of the table, with candles on either side.

The children watch with eagerness for the appearance of the first star in the evening sky, so that the traditional supper may begin. When the star appears, the head of the family brings in a sheaf of wheat, and, after placing it in a corner of the dining-room, greets the family by wishing them, in the spirit of Christmas, good health and prosperity throughout the coming year, with joy and thanksgiving, invoking God's blessing upon all present.

Family and friends are then seated around the table, and the "Holy Supper" (Sviata Vechera) begins with a thanksgiving grace. The first dish is always the Christmas Eve delicacy called "kootya". It consists of cooked wheat, honey, ground poppy seed, and nuts. The head of the family takes a spoonful of "kootya", raises it, and greets the family and guests by saying "Christos Rodyvsia" (Christ is born). The reply is "Slavite Yoho" (Praise ye His Name).

As is the custom, "kootya" is followed by such delectable dishes as: Borsch (beet soup), or Fish soup; Fish—baked or jellied, or Herring — usually spiced; Pyrohy (dumplings) stuffed with any of chopped and seasoned cabbage, potatoes, cheese, plums or cherries; Baked Cabbage and Rice Pie, with a dough raised on yeast, (a dish served among Kuban Cossacks); Holubchi (cabbage rolls) — made with rice or buckwheat; Mushroom sauce; Sauerkraut; Lima beans; Peas. For dessert, a variety of pastries and goodies such as "pampushky", honeycakes, "chrusty", etc., are served. Candy, mixed nuts, and fresh fruits are served later in the evening.

The family and guests remain all evening, singing the traditional Christmas Carols. Young people form groups of "koliadnyky" (carol singers), and visit homes, singing carols and bringing the traditional Christmas greetings. Each family visited contributes funds for various charitable causes.

A special evening is planned for the children in a community, with a Christmas Tree or "Yalynka", and gifts. In Western Ukraine, gifts are distributed among the children by St. Nicholas, who is dressed as a priest. In the Greater, or Eastern Ukraine, Old Man Frost (Dyid Moroz) is dressed similarly to our Canadian Santa Claus.

The Feast of Jordan (Epiphany) which ends about the middle of January, is considered to be the end of the Yuletide season.

(NOTE: The material in this article will supplement the information on work among the Ukrainians (p. 8) Programme Five — The Church and Ethnic Groups—1966-67 study material.)

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BECAUSE OF ONE DEDICATED WOMAN

When we read, in our January Glad Tidings, the beautiful Women's World Day of Prayer Service, which, for 1967, was prepared by the late Queen Salote, of Tonga, let us also think, for a moment or two, of the dedicated Christian woman, who, in the first place, was the real instigator of this world-wide fellowship of Prayer, which now truly does encircle the globe!

This was Mrs. Darwin James, an American and a Presbyterian Minister's wife, who in 1887 had become well known because of her great concern for the welfare of others, and as a firm and convinced believer in the power of prayer. When the American Civil War had ended, immigrants from all over Europe poured into America, thus causing a situation of much hardship and sorrow for many people. It was then that Mrs. James felt, keenly and urgently, the need for prayer on behalf of these immigrants, and she suggested to her Presbyterian Board that a National Day of Prayer for Home Missions be instituted.

In 1890, two Baptist women who had visited their Overseas Mission Fields, and had seen the great need for the education of women, and for Christian literature, when they returned to America, asked that a Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions be proclaimed. Eventually, a wider conception of this Day of Prayer was realized, and before long these two Prayer Days were combined into one Day of Prayer. By 1920, the women of Canada had joined in this Prayer Circle, and in 1927, during the International Missionary Council Meetings in Europe, a greater vision was born. These women saw, not only America and Canada united in prayer for Missionary work, but Christian women throughout the world praying together for all the concerns touching the Kingdom of God. Thus it was that this truly ecumenical movement, The Women's World Day of Prayer, came into being.

The World Headquarters of the World Day of Prayer is in New York, and it is sponsored by a Committee of women who represent all the Churches uniting in this Day of Prayer. Each year, this Committee invites a different country, or person, to choose the Theme and prepare the Order of Service. So it is, that although the beginnings of the Day of Prayer are in America, it is through the desire and prayerful enthusiasm of Christian women everywhere that this fellowship has become really world-wide.

Each year, in Canada, more Orders of Service have to be printed, and the increase in Offerings in 1966 made it possible for $66,400.00 to be sent for Christian literature to worthy recipients around the world, from Canada. In many Communities the observation of the Women's World Day of Prayer Service has marked the turning point toward an ecumenical concern. In recent years, many Protestant Groups have invited Roman Catholic women to join with them in this Service. In more than one City, this has marked the first time that women of Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic Churches have ever worshipped together. May this year again witness our drawing nearer to one goal in Christ! (Adapted L.M.C.)

Your Prayers are asked

— For all members of the groups in the W.M.S. Family, that each may realize the true meaning of Christmas, and endeavour to share it with others.

— For all newly elected officers of groups that, as they prepare to assume their responsibilities, they may be aware of the presence of Him, who promised "I will be with you always".

— For the National Missionaries across our Society, that they may approach this Christmas Season filled with enthusiasm and a new sense of oneness, realizing their spiritual strength of togetherness, as they make the story of the Christ Child live anew in so many hearts and lives.

— May our sincere prayers be that each one will be renewed in health and strength, as the opportunities for service unfold and increase until the bells ring out on Christmas Day.

— For the work of the Mid-India Board Graduate School in Indore. Pray that this institution may continue to serve the nursing profession in India through its graduate courses in the Hindi language.

— Remember the nations of the world, particularly those areas where we serve abroad. Pray that the message of peace and good will might become a reality to them.

CHRISTMAS AT ARMAGH

by MRS. M. HERRIG — Director of Armagh

"FOR GOD so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life." What better time to show to anyone that this is still the TRUTH than at Christmas! We, at Armagh, always concerned to convey this great love to the girls that knock at our door, certainly find it a great joy to do so at Christmas.

Frequently, great sorrow and sadness shows in the parents' as well as the girls' faces, when they realize that their time of separation from one another will include the festive season. Some of them will ask if it would be possible to stay at home overnight for Christmas Day and Boxing Day. This we never allow. We do feel that it is one of the many little things with which the girl has to learn to cope. Any behaviour automatically is followed by consequences, and this is but one of them. They actually go through an experience like this to have to forgo something. Seldom in their life, previous to coming to Armagh, was it expected of them to give up something that they wanted so badly. Parents, too, have to realize that part of their duty is to direct and control their children and their actions. Discipline succeeded by self-discipline and self-control are important characteristics able to be a key to happiness.

We do want our girls to be happy. We do as much as we can to create a happy atmosphere, but we can do only so much, and a great part has to come from the girl herself. She has to want to be happy. Perhaps you will think it peculiar, but we have had girls who came to us determined not to like anything, or anybody, connected with Armagh. Of course it is a challenge to us to change this attitude, but it is not always accomplished. But, if we are successful, and the unfriendly and unhappy barrier has finally broken down, what exuberance usually takes over! The girl herself realizes it most of all, gratefully acknowledging that she was helped. Situations like that occur frequently at Christmas. And what brings it about? Let me tell you how we prepare and celebrate, at Armagh, our Saviour's birth.

Quite early, we begin to receive parcels from friends all over Canada. Mysteriously and secretively, those parcels disappear into one of our small storage rooms upstairs, where Mrs. Stevenson, our Housemother, and myself, ever so often take a peek, gratefully thinking of all the dear ladies of the W.M.S. and Auxiliary groups who provide us with all those goodies.

In November, we start our yearly Christmas project, which is done entirely by the girls with their very own ideas, — the painting of a Christmas scene on the wall that is part of the hall leading into the Chapel. Part of one of those paintings was the cover picture of The Presbyterian Record, December 1965. Perhaps some of you will remember it. We like to have it completed for the first Sunday of Advent. With the first Sunday of Advent, we also begin to have candles in our Chapel Services, and the Carol singing becomes part of our nightly meditation. The craftroom, busy almost all the year round, becomes even more so now. Everybody wants to do something for their nearest and dearest ones. But we also find time to work on tray favours for the patients of the Toronto Western Hospital, who will have to spend Christmas in hospital. And it really looks like Santa's workshop, when you see twenty rosy-cheeked girls turn out over seven hundred Christmas trees.

In the meantime, Mrs. Watson, our kitchen supervisor, does her part to get everything ready. She bakes, and buys, all the necessary little things that complete a successful Christmas dinner. Mr. Watson gets the trees ready, one for the common room in the new wing, and one for outside. The lights on the tree and around the entrance, the blue floodlights in front of the house — and it all looks like a fairyland!

The girls love to decorate the tree in the common room with Christmas music playing, and they all beautify their own rooms, and are proud when we praise them for their efforts. How they glow and radiate when they hear words of approval, and the every-day chores are done ever so much more cheerfully! It certainly teaches us, the staff, to be more generous with admiration and appreciation, which of course, holds true for everyday living too, doesn't it?

At long last, the day arrives when Mrs. Stevenson and I get the presents ready for our girls. We do it in my large sitting room, which acquires the look of a big warehouse with all these parcels — big ones and little ones, brightly coloured, gayly adorned. We usually have a practical bigger item, a container-like thing, laundry bag, or sewing and knitting stand, for each girl, and in it we put the many lovely gifts we receive from our friends.

Christmas Eve is here with its very special "something" in the air. Everybody is dressed to honour the day; Christmas music can be heard; and the smell of all the delectable foods in preparation create all together a happy feeling. At midnight a Candlelight Service calls us to join in the praise of Almighty God who gave us our Saviour.

From the Chapel, the girls quickly go to their rooms to change into their night attire, after which we meet again in the common room. Under the Christmas tree, two gifts will be found for each person present. Some candies are handed around and everybody admires the gifts of everybody else. By now it is early Christmas morning, and the girls are sent off to bed, with the strict order not to come out of their bedrooms again. That gives Mrs. Stevenson and myself a clear coast to play Santa Claus. We deliver the bursting-full sewing stands in front of each bedroom door, and go happily off to our own rooms, anticipating gay chatter and delighted shrieks a few hours later.

And it always comes, and many times over we hear "We never had such a lovely Christmas before!"

Enjoyable routine is the Christmas dinner by candlelight, well prepared by Mrs. Watson and completed by the girls on kitchen duty, since the Watsons are off for Christmas and Boxing Day. And mind you, our Christmas dinner has all the trimmings.

A special Day is Boxing Day. We have no set meals. Everyone looks after herself, and they may get up at any time they like, which of course is an exciting situation to be in. Any little change is so welcome. But also everybody is most happy and grateful, to get back to our disciplined and ordered life the next day.

Into everyday living, we hope to take the joy of Christmas, remembering the candles that gave us light, symbolizing that Christ will be the light in our life; hoping the words on the Chapel wall will take on more meaning. "I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness."

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How many "Glad Tidings" will YOU give
This Christmas-tide?**

CORRECTION

The note under the asterisk on page 25 of the November issue should read — Birthplace or Home Province. (Ed.)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

GOOD BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

With the wealth of good and worthwhile books available this Christmas-tide, from which to choose the perfect gift for that friend on your list who would consider an interesting new book just the best of Christmas gifts, it is not possible to do really comprehensive "reviewing" of any of them. Because space is so limited, I can only give you a little glimpse into each one, and assure you that each is splendid reading and excellent value. All are available from our Publications Department, and you cannot go astray in choosing any one of them.

THE JAMES EVANS STORY

By Nan Shipley

This is the dramatic story of one of Canada's most purposeful and vigorous Missionaries of early pioneer days. His work was especially among the Indians and Eskimos of the far, lonely North, through which he travelled by dog-team and canoe. He it was, who determined to open the way for these people who had never been able to read or write their own language, and, entirely by his own ingenuity and tireless work, this he succeeded in doing. First, he invented Cree syllabics, then, out of practically nothing, he improvised a printing press and produced literature, — then taught his people how to read it and to write their own language. The Author has had access to original diaries, letters, and journals, and from these has produced a factual and poignant story of the life and work of this indefatiguable preacher and teacher. Price . . . . $ 5.50

CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS

By Percy M. Young

This is not only a book of Carols, but a book *about* Carols. It tells the story of the nativity in simple and beautiful language, and shows how the Carol developed. These are grouped in subjects, each with practical accompaniment and useful notes. A distinguished scholar and Musician is the Author of this book, and he has devoted much of his career to the needs of young musicians. Price . . . . $ 3.50

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER THE MAN WHO OVERCAME

By Lawrence Elliott

I picked up this book to glance through before I went to sleep the other night — I could not put it down! I simply *had* to finish it, and before I knew it, the early dawn was breaking! The Author tells us that "George Washington Carver was one of the most remarkable Americans who ever lived". His life-story confirms that description. A negro, he was born into slavery, yet he lived to become a scientist of acknowledged genius; an artist, whose paintings are prized by museums; a never-ceasing scholar; the educator and helper of his people, as his scientific discoveries taught them how to bring their impoverished land to productive yielding. His basic belief was that "the world is the garden of God" and God seemed to give him the mystic instincts and scientific knowledge which helped to keep it so. Great fame and acclamation came to him because of his agricultural discoveries and accomplishments and he could have gained great riches. He chose, instead to *give* his marvellous discoveries to anyone who needed them, especially those of his own needy people in the deep South. Presidents and Princes came to seek him out, and many business leaders sought his wise advice. He knew the horror of "slave trading" — his own Mother was captured and sold by raiders, in his infancy; the sad wounds of racial discrimination, yet never allowed himself to hate. His great love of God, and his reverence for the soil and what it grew that could be transformed into useful and meaningful tools of life, grew greater with the years. One critic has said "to read the remarkable story of George Washington Carver's life, is to renew one's faith in mankind!" Price .... $ 5.95

WORLD AFLAME

By Billy Graham

BILLY GRAHAM

By John Pollock

The first of these two books is written by Billy Graham himself. It seeks to express the heartfelt concern of this world-famous Evangelist for "this modern world on fire", as he has seen and experienced it. From his own rich experience, as he has travelled all over the world, meeting with world leaders, and the troubled everyday folk of all conditions in life, he tries to answer the questions which are troubling all thinking people. "What has happened to our world? What is the cause? Can we do anything about it?" He has written a powerful and *intentionally* controversial book, which is certainly well worth reading and thinking about. In it, he attempts "to speak to man in his present condition; to point out how he can find victory over his environment and conquer the downward pull of our time." Price . . . . $ 4.75

The second book, the authorized Biography, is quite different, and equally well worth reading. In fact, *both* books should be read, if one is to validly assess the work and life of Billy Graham, this most remarkable man. The Author has sought to reveal the "real man," and, as well as spending many hours *with* Billy Graham, he has interviewed some 150 people in Britain, America, Australia, and New Zealand — colleagues and relatives; opponents and converts; journalists and Church leaders; organizers of Crusades; and has also studied a great number of unpublished letters and papers. It is an accurate biography and well written.

Price . . . . $ 5.85

EVENING STAR

By Faith Baldwin

This is a beautiful, helpful, and inspirational book, as are all the other books written by this well-known Author. It is the "thinking" of one year in a fine Christian woman's life — from one September to the end of the next September, "Evening Star" is Faith Baldwin thinking aloud — at her home in her beloved old frame house; with her grandchildren in Florida; visiting with her friend in New England — just the fine straightforward reflections of her daily life, as an Author, a friend and neighbour, as a Christian woman whose deep religious convictions have enabled her to impart to others, strength, courage, and helpful comfort.

Price . . . . $ 5.70

INTO A NATION

Edited by Vivian Holland

This is the book for Senior Teens, which is one of the series of books for Canada's Centennial Year, planned and released by the Canadian Council of Churches. The Title is taken from the Book of Acts, Chapter 13 - verse 17. As the development of the Christian Community in Canada is traced in these stories, there is an interesting interpretation of the Church's role in education, social welfare, politics, the Arts and other important aspects of Canadian life. Probing beyond historical facts and events, the writers in their different stories portray a new and different kind of society steadily growing from old roots, pioneer customs and traditions to create the Canada of today. "The Church in the future — as it has in the past — must produce leaders who will enter politics fired with determination to apply there the spirit and ethic of the Gospel," says one writer, and in another chapter we read "The Church today is asserting a virility in affairs which holds, perhaps, the greatest promise for its future". There is food for much thought in this book. Price .... $ 1.75

THE WORLD'S BEST CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Compiled by J. E. Sturgis

The seventy-six Christmas Carols in this small, handy book, comprise an excellent collection of Carols, not only of the dear familiar old ones, but many lovely Christmas songs and carols, not found in most Hymnals and Collections. Words and music are clearly given for each one. The publishers say "it is the cream of the centuries, gleaned from every Christian nation, written and composed by world-renowned poets and musicians." I really believe it is just that. At an almost unbelievable price 55c

HOW CHRISTMAS CAME TO AUDEN!

Where is Auden? It is a small isolated Indian village, far north of Lake Superior, and a good 90-mile trek through the wintry wilderness from the Lands and Forests Division Base at the south end of Lake Nipigon. "Project 90 Auden" was inaugurated by the staff of the MacDiarmid Divisional Base in 1964, and each year this unique good neighbour project in the Geraldton Forest District continues to "bring Christmas", with all its gifts and good will, to this small Indian village, so isolated by distance and deep snows.

This little village has no electric power, but these good neighbours of the MacDiarmid community took in with them power generators, movie projection equipment, radios and walkie-talkies, as well as the generous contributions of toys, clothing and goodies for everyone, which the merchants of MacDiarmid, Geraldton, Beardmore and Port Arthur, so freely donated beyond all expectations.

Snowmobiles, skidoos, and half-ton trucks, all figured in the cavalcade at one time or another, to cope with the recent 20-foot snowfall, and mechanical troubles frequently added to the difficulties of the trip. These "good neighbours" took it all in their stride — the trek began on December 17th, and by 4.45 p.m. on December 18th, the cavalcade arrived exactly on time with Santa Claus' arrival by snowmobile. It is easy to imagine the joyous welcome given by the 25 children at Auden, and their grateful parents, and later by the other children at Camp 25, who couldn't attend the Auden Christmas Party because of road closure and snow drifts. Everyone enjoyed a memorable Christmas celebration that evening, both old and young, with gifts for all, interesting movies, good music, and neighbourly kindness and fellowship interpreting the real message of Christmas. The MacDiarmid party arrived back home at 5 a.m. on Sunday, December 19th, tired, but in good time for their own family celebrations, and surely with the joy of Christmas filling their hearts, more and more, because of the joy which they left behind them at the little pioneer settlements of Auden and Camp 25, up Lake Superior way! (L.M.C.) (*From the Department of Lands and Forests News Release*)

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

from DR. WILLEM A. VISSER'T HOOFT

Former General Secretary, The World Council of Churches

Why was King Herod so worried, when the Magi told him of the birth of the King of the Jews? Was it just professional jealousy, and the fear of serious competition? There was another reason. The child was not to be an ordinary king. The priests and scribes told Herod that this was to be the Messiah, the special envoy of God. Herod was afraid that God would interfere in his life. That was the last thing he wanted. So the dangerous baby had to be eliminated. When the great massacre had taken place, Herod would feel secure again. He had firmly closed the door for God.

But God returned by the back door. Joseph and Mary had taken the baby to Egypt, and, at the right moment, they brought the baby quietly to Nazareth, where Jesus "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

So, the Christmas message is that God comes to our world, in spite of all attempts to keep Him out. When men shout — "God is dead" — this can only mean that He is not in the place where they are looking for Him. But he always finds an entrance, generally a very unexpected, unobtrusive entrance.

For Christ comes without noise, and the Kingdom of God "does not come with signs to be observed". Whether we will have a genuine Christmas this year will depend upon our readiness to let God "interfere" in our lives, and also on our ability to distinguish Christ's quiet voice of authority, among the many loud voices around us.

Christmas Service of Worship

Prepared by (MRS. GEORGE M.) MURIEL LEDINGHAM
President of British Columbia Synodical

"Come To Christmas!"

Call to Worship—"And the shepherds said, let us go now even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass."
"Know ye not that lowly Baby
Was the bright and morning star,
He who came to light the Gentiles,
And the darken'd isles afar?
And we, too, may seek His cradle,
There our hearts' best treasures bring,
Love, and faith, and true devotion
For our Saviour, God, and King."
(C. F. Alexander)

Invocation—Come, Lord Jesus, in the fullness of Thy grace, and dwell in our hearts. Let us come to Christmas with the joy and gladness of the angels; with the wonder of the shepherds; with the hope and anticipation of the Wise Men — resolved to give ourselves in loving service to Thee, and to those in need around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Response—4th verse, Hymn 169. Sing in unison.
"O, holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel."

Leader—

Let us worship together, as we read of the birth and life of Jesus in the Scriptures, and as we sing the Carol, "Thou dids't leave Thy throne." (Hymn 180)

First Reader—Luke 1 — verses 30-33.

Second Reader—Luke 2 — verses 4-7.

Sing in unison—Verse 1 — Hymn 180.

"Thou dids't leave Thy throne
And Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me,
But in Bethlehem's home
Was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee!"

First Reader—

But beyond the joy of the Christmas story, is the wonder of the Resurrection, for the beauty of Christmas lies, not only in the birth of Christ, but in the sure faith that our Saviour lives forever.

Sing in unison—Verses 3 and 4 — Hymn No. 180

"The foxes found rest
And the birds had their nest
In the shade of the forest tree;
But Thy couch was the sod
O Thou Son of God,
In the deserts of Galilee;
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord
With the living word,
That should set Thy people free;
But, with mocking scorn,
And with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary;
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
Thy cross is my only plea!"

Meditation—

As we come to Christmas, is there room in our hearts, and our lives, for Jesus? Or is the answer the same as it was two thousand years ago — "No room"? We see the rushing crowds on the city streets; people absorbed in making more and more money; hungry children in slum areas; lonely old people pushed into the background; bored men and women going from one cocktail party to the next. Nations war against nations, and men plan more and more terrible weapons of destruction. We spend billions exploring space, but neglect the starving millions on earth.

"Where Is The Babe of Bethlehem?"
"Glittering tinsel, festive holly,
Hurrying shoppers, all quite jolly,
Carrying trains, or Christmas dolly,
But where — are the Shepherds?

Santa Claus will make his calls,
The Christmas greeting never palls,
Glowing lights when evening falls,
But where — are the Wise Men, and the Star?

Christmas parties by the score,
Line-ups at the liquor store,
Christmas presents, more and more,
But where — Oh where is the Manger?"

(Marion Sturdy, by permission)

As we come to Christmas, let us resolve to have room for Jesus in our homes. Let us not be so busy that we lose the magic, and the glory, of knowing that Jesus loved us enough to become one of us. Let us come to Christmas to **worship** — to **give** — and to **receive.**

Let us worship with prayer and joyful carols, pausing in our busy lives to listen to the angels' song — "Glory to God, Peace — Goodwill to men". Let us come to Christmas to **give** — our material gifts; our gifts of love and service to others; the gift of our hearts and lives to Jesus Christ. Let us come to **receive** — Christ's gifts of love and peace, and the tidings of great joy to all people, no matter what their race, or colour, or creed. God's great gift of His Son is for all those who are willing to accept it.

So, let us come to Christmas, with anticipation, with hope, with joy, with peace, and let His way of love fill our lives, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year.

"O come to our hearts, Lord Jesus,
There is room in our hearts for Thee!"

Sing in unison — Verse 5, Hymn No. 180

"When heaven's arches shall ring
And her choirs shall sing,
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home,
Saying, 'Yet there is room —
There is room at My side for thee!'
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When Thou comest and calleth for me."
Amen

Prayer—Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to Christmas with joy, to seek Thy face, and in spirit and in truth to worship Thee. We come to open our hearts, and to make our wills one with Thine. As we come to Christmas, may our faith be strengthened, and may we give our gifts gladly and freely in Thy service. O God, Thou hast taught us that Thy word shall direct our lives; grant that as we hear the Christmas story from the Scriptures, we may become more aware of our fellowship with Thee, and with one another.

May we learn to know Thee more fully, love Thee more truly, serve Thee more faithfully, in the name of the Saviour whose birthday we are celebrating. Give us grace to think, not of what we can **get,** but of what we can **give,** that a new spirit may come into our work, and that a new vision may be given to the people, and the nations, of this world. As we come to Christmas, may we, like the Wise Men, go forward with our eyes on the radiant star, which is Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn—No. 177—five verses.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Father of all men, . . .
With loving heart we bless Thee:
For the gift of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, . . .
For the glory of Thy goodness shining in His face . . .
In praying and praising, in giving and receiving, . . .
In parents' gladness and in children's mirth, . . .
In good comradeship with those who are here,
In kind wishes for those who are far away,
God bless us every one, with the blessing of Jesus.
By remembering our kinship with all men,
By well-wishing, friendly speaking and kindly doing,
By cheering the downcast and adding sunshine to daylight,
By welcoming strangers (poor shepherds or wise men),
By keeping the music of the angels' song in our hearts,
God help us every one to share the blessing of Jesus:
In whose name we keep Christmas.

—*Henry Van Dyke*

Christmas Greetings
from
Our Ukrainian and Hungarian Friends!

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Христос народився! Славіте Його!

В час Різдвяних свят українці вітають один одного словами: „Христос народився!” і відповідають на це привітання: „Славіте Його!”

Так само і в церкві пастор кінчаючи Різдвяну проповідь вітає громаду: „Христос народився!” і громада відповідає: „Славіте Його!”

Відвідуючи знайомих на Різдво є звичаєм додавати до Різдвяного привітання побажання багатства, здоров’я і щастя та щоб: „Господь милував і мав нас в опіці на кожному кроці”.

Наслідуючи цей звичай українці пресвітеріяне вітають від щирого серця всіх хто любить Господа: Христос народився! Славіте Його!

TRANSLATION

Christ is born! Praise His name!

With these words Ukrainians greet one another during the Christmas Season.

At the end of his Christmas sermon the minister also greets the congregation with words: “Christ is born!” and the congregation responds: “Praise His name!”

It is customary to exchange visits with friends and relations at Christmas, and to wish them health, happiness and prosperity, and that “The Lord would have mercy and protect them at every step”.

In accordance with this custom, Ukrainian Presbyterians greet with glad hearts, all who love the Lord; Christ is born! Praise His name!

(The Rev. Michael Fesenko, B.A.)

HUNGARIAN CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Csillag ragyogása, angyali ének hallelujája hirdette a Megváltó megszületését, mely valóban minden népnek és nemzetségnek öröme lett. Obenne igazán egymásra talált az ember. Mai zilált világunkban is csak ö az egybekapcsoló hatalom, mert megváltásának kegyelmi tényében egyaránt részesül mindenki aki öt Megváltójának vallja.

Hazájától messze szakadt magyar reformátuság ez úton kiván áldott karácsonyi ünnepeket mindazoknak akik a Jézus Krisztusban testvérek.

TRANSLATION

The sparkling of the star, and the Hallelujah, of the angels' song, declared the birth of our Saviour, who indeed became the joy of all nations and generations. In Him, men really found each other. In our confused world, He is the only Power which is able to draw mankind together, because everybody, who confesses Him as his own Saviour, becomes a part of His graceful redemption.

Those who have the reformed faith from Hungary, though now far away from their homeland, in this message wish a blessed and happy Christmas for all those who are brethren in Christ.

(The Rev. Edmund Seress.)

(*Greetings were also requested from our Presbyterian fellow-members of the Italian, French, Chinese, and Canadian Indian Churches, but these were not received in time for publication in this issue.*)

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ANGEL FROM HEAVEN

Translation of Hungarian Carol

The angel from heaven
Has come down to you shepherds,
So that, going to Bethlehem quickly,
You may see, you may see . . .

The Son of God who was born
In a manger,
He shall be your redeemer
Verily, verily . . .

Beside Him is His mother
Mary, Mary
Surrounded by animals
In a manger rests her
Holy Son, holy Son . . .

They would go to greet Him
Immediately, immediately
Taking with them beautiful
Gifts in their hearts.

YOU HOLD THE KEY

by EDITH WILLIAMS

CHRISTMAS is a time of joy. It is also a time of family reunions, of turkey dinners, of special care for the poor and the needy, of the singing of Carols, of the Christmas Pageant, and it is a time when GCIT groups assemble for Vesper Services.

I shall long remember my first CGIT Christmas Service. What a thrill I received as I stood among several hundred girls dressed in their middys and skirts, holding lighted candles, and singing together "The Light of the world is Jesus". What an impressive Service that was! As Canadian Girls in Training we realized that the country to which we belonged was also a part of that great world of which we sang, and the passing of time has not diminished that fact. We are all proud to be citizens of this land.

Next year, as you know, we shall be celebrating Canada's Centennial. During the course of the year, we shall be engaged in a special study of the history of our country, with a particular emphasis on the contribution of our people.

When I went to school, I learned a great deal about our pioneer citizens; but it disturbed me greatly to notice that our history books had very little to say about women. That silence gave me great concern. Why, I wondered, should this be? Surely women must have had some conspicuous part to play in the developing story of Canada. But, not caring for history very much, and trying my best to memorize all I could about Sir John A. Macdonald and the Fathers of Confederation and other prominent men, I didn't give much further thought to the matter.

What a different picture we have today! Women are not only recognized for their contribution to the welfare of Canada, but are taking their place in practically every walk of life. How proud we should be of the women of the Church! We are thankful for their devotion, their sacrifice, for their burning desire to know, to give, and to do the will of God.

Do you know what it was that caused women to venture forth from their homes, to express themselves, and to make use of the gifts and talents which God had given to them? It was the pressing need they felt to minister to the sick, and the poor and the needy. Later on they became effective teachers of God's Word, and they contributed in many ways in those areas where the Church was only beginning to make her influence felt, and where there had been no settled ordained ministry.

Eventually, the Women's Missionary Society was formed; and so began the history of this significant Women's organization within the Presbyterian Church of Canada. To-day, as perhaps you know, this Society has two branches serving in Canada and overseas; the Eastern and Western Divisions.

When I was a little girl, my mother, who was herself a living witness for God, often spoke of Mrs. Burns of Halifax, who was one of the pioneer women of The Women's Missionary Society, (Eastern Division) and whose leadership has always been deeply appreciated, especially in the Maritime Provinces.

As time went on, women became increasingly interested in extending their witness for Christ, Mrs. James Nisbet, wife of the Reverend J. Nisbet, was one of these pioneering women. In 1862, the Nisbets went to Prince Albert, where they lived and laboured among the Indians. Mrs. Nisbet often carried on the work alone, when her husband was unavoidably absent as a result of prolonged travelling duties. She was an able leader and deeply loved by the people.

Miss Lucy Baker of Summerstown, Ontario, followed the Nisbets to this area of Christian responsibility, and spent many years among the Indians teaching them of God's great love, and instructing them in the Christian way of life. These people loved her dearly.

In your CGIT Study this year, you will be learning of the witness made by the wife of Bishop Bompas, as she and her husband worked among the miners of the Klondike. How thrilled she must have been on Christmas day, when a group of miners presented her with a fine gold nugget as a token of their affection and esteem. I am sure this was to Mrs. Bompas a gift of "gold, frankincense, and myrrh".

You will also be learning of the names of many other women who gave themselves fully to the service of Christ, when Canada was young. I hope that you will have the opportunity of reading a little book entitled, "Enkindled by the Word". The chapter written by Priscilla Lee Reid should be of special interest to you, as it tells of many fascinating things about some of these early Canadian women — women who made their witness felt in almost every field of endeavour and among people of many racial origins and languages.

I began by saying that women were not fully recognized in the early history of Canada. While that is true, there is one woman who has been revered above all others and has played a leading role in the history of the whole world. Her name is Mary, the mother of Jesus.

What sort of woman was Mary? We are not told she was a nurse, a doctor, a teacher, a writer, a pharmacist, or an artist, but simply that she was the mother of Jesus. Yet, great poetry, great art, great literature, and great music, have all paid tribute to her.

I wonder what Mary was like when she was a girl? How would she have compared with the Canadian girl of today? For one thing, I don't imagine she would have worn a miniskirt, as the style was very different in her time. I have a feeling she was a very modest girl, and probably wore her hair long, like many of you girls, and brushed neatly to one side. Above all, I picture her face radiant with beauty of character. Her loveliness would have been genuine and real, because she sought at all times to do the will of the Heavenly Father. Remember what she said when she was told that she was to be the mother of Jesus? "Behold the hand-maid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy Word."

Mary meant these words, and she was determined to keep her promise to God. I cannot help but recall Mary's words every time I hear CGIT girls repeat their purpose, especially the words "to seek to become the girl God would have me be". What a witness we, (women and girls) could make for the Kingdom of God and the future of Canada, if we, like Mary, would seek to follow God's will in everything we do, think, and say; thus making Christian womanhood the KEY to a better and more peaceful world.

(*Edith Williams is the wife of the Rev. J. H. Williams, Minister of Glenview Presbyterian Church in Toronto*)

And It Came To Pass In Bethlehem

And this is how it was that night—the Star
A molten blaze across the midnight sky;
The muted angel voices from afar:
The world awaiting one small baby's cry.
The three on eager feet, in haste to bring
Their treasures to the new-born son of God:
The Child whose first-drawn breath proclaimed Him King:
And Joseph kneeling humble on the sod.
The gentle beasts compassionate and wise,
Looking upon the Mother and her Son:
At Mary with the glory in her eyes,
And in her arms the Babe—the Holy One.
And this is how it was, that night on earth,
That wondrous night — the night of Jesus' birth.

J. P. Wolf

Boys and Girls!

THE EXTRA GIFT!

A Legend of Christmas Eve

THERE ONCE LIVED AN OLD MAN who owned a magical fiddle. Every Christmas Eve he would leave the city, and make his way to a tree standing bare and leafless under the winter sky. He would wait until there was no one in sight, then he would draw his bow across the fiddle strings — and at once the most wonderful music floated out into the cold, wintry air. As he played on, the sleeping life in the tree above him began to stir. White buds came on the bare, black branches, and presently these opened into beautiful white blossoms. Then the white petals began to fall until the frozen ground beneath the tree looked like a white mantle of snow. Still the old man played on, until where there had been flowers, there now hung wonderful white fruit.

Then the old fiddler changed his tune. His music had a call — a lilt to it. Out of the city gates came laughing children. Linking their hands in a great ring, they danced around the tree while the old man played.

Suddenly on a shrill note, the music stopped, and, as though it were a signal, down dropped the white fruit upon the ground. At once the children ran forward, to pick up the fruit and each piece of fruit became a white gift! The old fiddler smiled as he watched the children returning to the city, each one carrying a white gift for Christmay Day. The special wonder of it all was that the gift each held was what the child really wanted.

Now it so happened that the fiddler's music provided one more gift than there were children to receive them. And the boys and girls loved to settle among themselves what should be done with the extra gift. Sometimes they sent it to a child who was ill, and could not join the white gift dance.

One Christmas Eve it was discovered that there was none left over. The boys and girls stared at the man in wide-eyed surprise. What could have happened? The old fiddler looked stern, as his smile disappeared. Putting his fiddle underneath his chin he played a strange sad song. One boy began to look very uncomfortable. He slipped off home by himself, as though anxious not to be seen. When he got home he opened his white gift. Instead of finding within it the usual good things, it was empty. He took from under his coat a second gift — the extra one he had stolen — and that was empty too!

Now it happened that as the other children were going home, surprised that there had been no extra gift that Christmas Eve, one girl named Rose was most disappointed. On the evening before, Rose had seen a poor man and woman come into the city. Unable to pay for the poorest lodgings or humblest food, they had taken refuge in a tumble-down shed, not far from where she lived. That morning a little boy had been born to the homeless pair. Rose was sad. She had wanted to see the extra white gift given to the baby of the friendless strangers.

"If only there had been another white gift," she sighed when she reached home and stood looking at her treasure. Then a sudden thought came to her. "As there is no extra gift for the baby, should I give my own gift to him?"

Rose tried to put the thought out of her mind, but back it came again and again. At last, "Yes, I will give it!", she said.

Running as fast as she could, so that the baby should have the white gift as soon as possible, she reached the tumble-down shelter, and tapped timidly on the door.

"Come in!" called a soft voice.

Rose pushed the door open. Huddled in a corner for warmth, the poor woman was sitting nursing her baby, while the man stood nearby. Rose stepped into the hut and held out the white gift.

"It's for the baby," she said.

The mother took it with a look of pleased surprise, and unfolded the baby's tiny hand from the shawl. Rose placed the gift within his fingers, and then something very wonderful happened. The broken down walls of the shed faded away and instead, Rose saw the terraced streets and walls of a city in a far-off land. The clothes of the baby's parents were changed. The baby was no longer in his mother's arms, but was lying in a manger. A soft light burned in the stable, the air was full of lovely music. And Rose heard a Voice, like a chime of bells, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me."

(The Round World, Australia.)

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For a really worthwhile Christmas gift, "All God's Children" by Pauline M. Webb is a lovely choice. It is a splendid book of stories for boys and girls about other boys and girls around the world. They are about children in real life in many countries, and these 96 big pages really "talk to boys and girls" about these other children in far distant lands. Beautifully illustrated, both in colour and black and white, the pictures are as interesting, and as true to life, as is the text. There are 20 fascinating stories in this book — about children in Nigeria, Africa, India and Burma; the West Indies, Hong Kong, and China. This is a book to cherish always — Price $3.25. "Tell Me About God's Plan For Me" and "Know Your Bible" are two beautiful books for children, written by Mary Alice Jones, the well-known Children's Writer, whose Christian faith shines through all she writes. These are liberally illustrated in colour, are about 8" x 11", with around 72 pages profusely illustrated. The first book costs $3.50; "Know Your Bible" is $2.50. Other books by this same Author, at this same price are "Tell Me About God; Tell Me About Jesus; Tell Me About The Bible; Tell Me About Prayer; Tell Me About Heaven; and Tell Me About Christmas" — all equally good.

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Flying Doctor Service of Australia; "Angel of the Prisons" — Elizabeth Fry; "The Monk That Shook The World" — Martin Luther; "Young Man In A Hurry" — William Carey; "To Be A Pilgrim" — John Bunyan; "Makers of The English Bible" — story of the Bible in English; "Wizard of the Great Lake" — Alexander MacKay; "Golden Foot" — Judson, of Burma; "King Among Cannibals" — James Chalmers; "Friend of the Chiefs" — Robert Moffat. A very worth-while Library could be built up with these books — and they do make wonderful Christmas gifts!

(L.M.C.)

THE JOYOUS BELLS OF BETHLEHEM!

THOUSANDS OF PILGRIMS, again this year, will go flocking to Bethlehem, to celebrate the festival of Christmas at the scene of Christ's birth. They will come by ships and planes, by bus and motor car, riding on camels and trudging along on foot, from all parts of the civilized world. It must be a touching and impressive experience to stand on Christmas Day at the site of the Nativity, and to realize that here, in the rough Manger once lay the very Son of God—the new-born little Babe of Bethlehem—while the wondrous Star travelled through the heavens, to stop high above the stable of that Inn where "there was no room" for Mary in her hour of need, or for Joseph, as he thankfully accepted the shelter of the lowly stable-cave, amongst the gentle cows and sleeping farm animals of those long-ago days. Tradition tells us that this *is* the historic site of the birth of Christ, and that over this very spot, in the First Century A.D., was built the ancient Church of the Nativity, in which, every Christmas Eve since that time, pilgrims from all over the world have gathered for the colourful celebrations and ceremonies which take place in that hallowed spot.

These ceremonies begin at dusk on Christmas Eve, with the singing of Carols in the Shepherd's Field, just outside of Bethlehem—the very place where, almost 2,000 years ago, the Angels proclaimed the "Glad Tidings of Great Joy" that Christ, the Lord, was born, to a wondering little group of shepherds, as they were "watching over their flocks by night." Following the selfsame route that the shepherds must have taken as they hastened to find the spot "where the young Child lay," the long procession of pilgrims slowly winds its way toward the Manger Square in "the little town of Bethlehem," until they reach the historic old Church of the Nativity, where, so history records, in the year 1101 A.D., Baldwin the First, of

Flanders, was crowned King of the Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem. As the slow procession stops at the Church, one walking behind the other, each pilgrim must bend very low to enter through the low-down opening onto the rough-hewn steps which lead to the cave, far below, where, as legend says, Jesus was born. A great silver star on the floor marks the site of the Manger, where Mary laid "her firstborn son, wrapped in swaddling clothes," before which the Shepherds knelt in simple homage and wonderment; and where the Wise Men came, guided by the brilliant light of the moving star, to lay their precious offerings of "gold, frankincense, and myrrh," before the Infant King, the Son of God, whose coming the stars had long foretold. "Hic de Virgine Maria Christus Natus Est"—(Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary)—so reads the Latin inscription encircling the silver star.

Prayers, in many tongues, arise in that hallowed spot of deep significance to the whole world of Christianity, regardless of what creed or dogma, or what form of worship is followed, and, after a brief interval of silent meditation and reverence, the pilgrims are guided into the Church of St. Catherine, which is fragrant with the odours of frankincense and myrrh, and filled, even to the roof-top, with worshippers, as the Services of Worship are conducted. At midnight, the chanting and the prayers reach their climax, when, as the "Gloria" rises to its full crescendo, a great blazing star flashes over the altar in the Sanctuary, and the splendid Choir of magnificent voices swell in melodious volume as they intone the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!"

At once the bells of the Church of the Nativity peal out the joyous message, as they have been doing from Bethlehem all down the years—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace"—and the glorious theme is joined and taken-up by the bells of all the many other Churches in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, and of all the smaller Churches of all the little towns and villages round about. Softly and sweetly, even in these days of sad division between Israel and Jordon, over the ancient, bare Judean hills, rises, sweet and clear, the eternal Christmas message, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," and those who harken lift their hearts in praise and in hope, even though the armed guards, with rifles and machine guns, watch each other warily across that disputed border which slices right through this very area, south of Jerusalem—a border sinister with barbed wire entanglements, and minefields.

Pilgrims who come from Israel, though otherwise they travel much as usual at Christmas-tide, cannot now come past Mount Elias, as they used to approach Jerusalem in more happy days. Now they must come the long way around, crossing first into the Jordon-held Old City of Jerusalem, at the Mandelbaum Gate crossing-point, from which they proceed to Bethlehem. But, may the distance be long or short; the journey difficult or serene; the Divine magnet of Belief, Hope, and Exaltation, draws a constant stream of pilgrims to that Holy Place, wherein the Prince of Peace was born, on that wondrous night, some 2,000 years ago, and where His message of peace and love is still proclaimed in Christian hearts, and Faith still rises supreme above the restrictions of fear and war. (L.M.C.)

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WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon Group of the W.M.S. of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church on a Monday evening, when Miss Martine Van Beek, Regional Secretary for *Manitoba,* was Guest Speaker, using "Time" as her Theme. President, Mrs. A. H. McKay, presided, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Campbell Taylor, of Westwood Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.* The Soloist was Miss Mary Ann Taylor, of St. James Presbyterian Church, and the Offering was received by members of the Evening W.M.S. Group of this Church. The appreciation of the Meeting was conveyed to those participating by Mrs. J. Elliott, and the Rev. J. H. Bishop, B.A. pronounced the Benediction. A Social Hour over the teacups was enjoyed, following the Meeting.

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KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — The September Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *West Huntington,* was held at the home of Miss Bessie Fleming. During the Programme, an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. John Wallace, a member of this Group, who is now President of Kingston Presbyterial. Mrs. John McInroy read the Presentation Address, and the presentation was made by Mrs. Wallace's daughter, Mrs. Wm. Donnan. On behalf of the members, Miss Bessie Fleming paid tribute to the faithful and dedicated service given by Mrs.

Wallace in the various Organizations of her Church.

A Sectional Rally is to be held in the near future in St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, *Madoc,* when Miss Frieda E. Matthews will be the Guest Speaker. Although consisting of only fifteen members, with an average attendance of twelve, this W.M.S. Group plans to present to five girls of the congregation a First Year Junior Certificate, and will raise the money for this project by holding a Congregational Supper.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Bowmanville,* with President Mrs. W. H. T. Fulton, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Port Hope,* in the Chair. Since the Executive Meeting was held in *Centreville,* just previous to this Rally, most of this Programme, consisted of a Workshop Session, capably conducted by Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary. This was most interesting and helpful to all of the 60 members present. Mrs. J. Foot, of *Cobourg,* was in charge of the Devotional Period. Mrs. A. W. Allen, of *Havelock,* gave her report, as the delegate to the W.M.S. Training School, held at *Belleville.* After prayer and Benediction, the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church served lunch, and a welcome cup of tea.

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent Meeting of the Jessie McPhee Group of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kirkland Lake,* highlights of the C.G.I.T. Muskoka Summer Camp, were enthusiastically presented by Janet Sedden, who was one of the C.G.I.T. girls representing this District at the Camp. Following her High School Course, Janet is planning to attend Ewart College, in *Toronto.*

Janet described the varied daily schedules of the Camp, which included Chapel Services, musical and dramatic Programmes, Skits, Games, and Discussion Groups. These latter provided interesting exchanges on problems and attitudes facing today's young women, especially in religious and social activities. The speaker spoke of her pride in being chosen to represent her District, and thanked the local Group for their part in assisting her to attend.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Lynda Hoffos, who leaves *Moose Jaw* to attend Ewart College, in *Toronto,* was the Guest of Honour at a Farewell Social given by the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw.* On this memorable occasion, the Rev. P. D. Ruddell, B.D., conveyed the good wishes of the congregation to Miss Hoffos, and, on their behalf, presented to her a gift of money. Presbyterial President, Mrs. H. G.

Brumwell, spoke on behalf of Presbyterial members, and presented a New English Testament to Lynda. A short programme of music and readings was enjoyed, and a time of fellowship was spent over refreshments.

Members of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw* were shocked and saddened by the sudden death, in August, of Mrs. Wm. Kelly, whose kindly, cheerful personality and dedicated Christian witness made a lasting impression upon all who knew her. Mrs. Kelly had always been a very active member of the W.M.S. She has held several Offices on Presbyterial Executive; twice held the Office of President; and also served as President of Synodical, and as Vice-President of the Council Executive. At the time of her death she was Honorary President of the Friendship Circle, and in her own Auxiliary has served in many offices through the years.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — More than one hundred friends and ex-members of the Ruby Walker Guild of Northside Presbyterian Church, *Regina*, were guests at the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the organization of the Guild. Miss Ruby Walker, of *Calgary*, who organized the group, was a Special. Guest. Preceding the Party, was a Dinner for the ladies of the congregation, at which Mrs. Jean Munro, the only Charter Member who is still in the Guild, was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Pin, both gifts of Guild Members. Presbyterial President, Miss J. C. Williamson, made the Life Membership presentation, and Synodical President, Mrs. W. A. Wilson, presented the Pin.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, newly-appointed Minister of the congregation, and his wife, were guests, and Mr. Wilson conducted the Opening Service of Worship. Skits, based on happenings during the twenty years of fellowship together, were presented by Guild members, who also participated in a humorous Musical Performance called "The Kitchen Kabinet Orchestra". In her Address, Miss Walker, who had come from *Calgary* for this Celebration, told some of her experiences while engaged in the Inner City work in *Toronto*, and presented the need for voluntary workers in the Inner City field. Mrs. A. C. Marshall thanked Miss Walker, and refreshments, including Anniversary Cake, were enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial was greatly inspired by the visits of Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., now retired after many years of devoted Missionary work in Formosa. At Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook*, C.G.I.T.;

C.O.C.; and Young Peoples' Groups saw excellent pictures of her work in Public Health among the Mountain People. Another evening, 14 young women shared a Dinner Meeting with Miss Hermanson, followed by a Meeting in the Church, where she gave many highlights of her work, in its many different phases among the Formosan people. Films were also shown. The Rev. H. L. Henderson, M.A., introduced Miss Hermanson, who also visited Church Groups of *Kimberley, Creston,* and *Trail.*

The last of a series of Conferences in British Columbia Synodical for Leaders of Children's Groups was held in September in the Christian Education Centre of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, *Creston.* Kootenay Presbyterial was represented by Leaders from *Cranbrook, Trail* and *Creston.* An instructive programme was presented by Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work, assisted by Miss Tam Nakamura, Regional Secretary for B.C. Included was a Centennial Film; tape recordings of songs for Children's Groups; a group of Explorers who demonstrated methods and materials; and a Literature Display of books for all ages. Dinner and Afternoon Tea were served by the Sewing Circle of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — An interested group of Teachers and Workers gathered in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* to meet Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work; Miss Comfort Ejere, of *Nigeria*; Mrs. E. H. Hermanson, Synodical Secretary for Children's Groups; and to discuss Christian Education and Mission. The C.O.C. and the Explorers of Knox Presbyterian Church, demonstrated an hour of study, play, and worship. The following evening, these Workers were introduced and welcomed by the Presbytery, meeting at *Duncan,* as was Miss Catharine Watson, recently appointed to the Chinese Work in *Victoria.*

Highlights of a recent meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* held in the Kirk Hall Gymnasium, were the Luncheon, enjoyed by all, and the slides of *China,* shown by president, Miss M. R. Henry. Mrs. F. O. Jenkinson voiced the appreciation of the Group, and Prayer by the Minister of the Church brought the Meeting to a close.

"The Christian's Calling", was the Theme of the Meeting of the W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Nanaimo.* The previous five Meetings of this Group were arranged by Mrs. A. K. Young, and those taking part were Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Patterson; Mrs. Adolph, and Mrs. Young. Each participant chose a country, and described the work of Missionaries and Doctors in *Formosa, India, Nigeria, Guyana,* and *Canada.* The Meetings closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Executive Meeting of *Brockville Presbyterial* was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Westport.* Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, who was recently appointed to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, attended this Meeting and was warmly welcomed. An interesting report of the W.M.S. Training Centre, which she attended at Albert College, *Belleville,* was presented by Mrs. John Clarke of *Mountain.* A Workshop for Leaders of Children's Groups, and for any others who are interested in Leadership training, was planned to take place in *Brockville* at a later date. At this Meeting, resignations were tendered by two members of Executive — Mrs. John Imrie, of *Brockville,* treasurer, and Mrs. A. D. Sutherland, of *Chesterville,* historian. Miss Edna Lorimer, of *Brockville,* and Mrs. Harold Graham, of *Mountain,* were appointed to these positions for the remainder of the year. Buffet Luncheon was served by the ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Westport* for those attending the Brockville Executive Meeting and the members of Presbytery, also meeting in this Church.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Celebrating their 90th Anniversary, the W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vankleek Hill, Ontario,* met in the Church in September, with many guests in attendance. A full Choir, composed of ladies from the various Church Groups, was present, with the Organist, Mrs. D. S. McPhee, L.Mus. (McGill). The Call to Worship was given by Mrs. Alex J. Barton. Scripture Reading, Psalm 91, by Mrs. J. C. Wharry; the Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", was chosen by Miss Clara MacGillivray.

Mrs. J. A. McGowan welcomed the many guests, and greetings from former Ministers and friends were read by Mrs. Wm. Ewing. Mrs. D. John Fortier, of *Lancaster* was Soloist. Mrs. E. E. Preston presented the History of Knox Church W.M.S. Auxiliary, from 1876 to 1966, and the Choir sang the Anthem, "Be Thou My Vision". The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. A. D. McRae, followed by prayer. Introduced by the Rev. J. A. McGowan, the Guest Speaker was the Very Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, M.A., B.D., D.D., the Minister of Margaret Roger Memorial Presbyterian Church, in *Lachute, Quebec,* who gave an inspiring and eloquent Address on "What God Hath Wrought". Mrs. Mack McQuaig presented the thanks and appreciation of the Meeting. The Hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" chosen by Mrs. John McKinnon, was followed by the Offering.

Greetings were received from President Mrs. W. M. Boyd, on behalf of the Synodical of Montreal and Ottawa; from President, Mrs. J. C. McGregor, for the Presbyterial of Glengarry; from the Rev. William McLean, M.B.E., D.D., Moderator of the Presbytery of Glengarry. Mrs. E. C. Brown led in Prayer, and the Hymn chosen by Mrs. Russell Pichie was sung, followed by the National Anthem, and the Benediction.

An invitation was extended to all to participate in the Birthday Cake Ceremony in the Church Hall, where several of the older members lit the Birthday Candles while reading appropriate verses. The beautiful Birthday Cake centred the tea-table, flanked by sweet peas and candles in silver holders. Mrs. J. A. McGowan and Mrs. Alex Barton poured tea on this historic occasion.

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